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A clean industrial era: Market, technology, and application potentials of high-temperature heat pumps

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Market, technology, and application potentials of high-temperature heat pumps

Content

- A market overview of high-temperature heat pump suppliers
- Insight into the limitations and state of current technology
- Potential applications for steam generation
- Three key recommendations for broader market adoption of high-temperature heat pumps



Introduction – OST IES – Where we are

Heat pump test center (WPZ) at OST in Buchs, Switzerland



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Introduction – Our competences

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«Engineering a Net Zero Future that Works»

Heat Pump & Refrigeration Technology



Accredited Heat Pump Test Center

Heat Pump Field Tests

Heat Pump & HVAC Control



Residential



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Photovoltaics

Decentralized Energy Supply

Grids (Electrical and Thermal)

Energy Supply



Power Electronics
Thermal Management

Test Bench Development

Mobility

Industrial Heat Pumps

Energy Analysis

Efficiency Optimization



Industry



Introduction – Steam generating heat pumps webinar

OST Webinar on 18 March 2024

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Steam Generating Heat Pump Webinar

18 March 2024

13:30	Introduction	C. Arpagaus	
13:45	Dennis Roskosch	CO ₂ neutral process steam for industry: Model-based analysis of technologies and strategies	ETH zürich
14:05	C. Latham & M. Vandevoorde	Transforming air compressor energy into process value for steam compression	Atlas Copco
14:25	Ch. Schlemminger & M. Bantle	Integration of a 1.6 MW steam supplying heat pump into the feed production process	ANEO
14:45	Martin Pihl Andersen	Testing and modelling of a steam-generating heat pump at up to 175 °C (SuTHHeat project)	DTU
15:15	Wouter de Vries	Demonstration of a full-scale industrial heat pump producing steam above 140 °C	TNO
15:35	Mogens Weel	High temperature heat pump test result and further development of high speed centrifugal compressors for steam production	Piel & Sandt
15:55	Hans Madsbøll	Steam compressor technology and development: a general overview	TEKNOLOGISKA INSTITUTET
16:15	Arne Høeg	Decarbonizing industry with sliding-cycle steam generating heat pumps	enerin
	Wrap-up & Conclusions		

10 min break



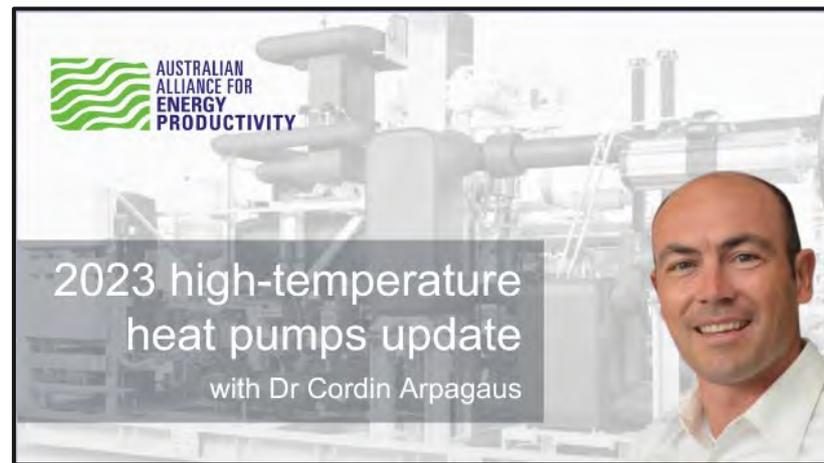
- Recordings on YouTube:
[Steam Generating Heat Pumps Webinar 2024 – YouTube](#)
- Download PDF Presentations:
[Webinar on Steam Generating Heat Pumps: SWEET DeCarbCH \(sweet-decarb.ch\)](#)

■ Webinar with **540 registrations !**

■ Participants from **42 countries !**



Introduction – Available Webinar Recordings on High-Temperature Heat Pumps



Recording: 2021

10 November 2021
(4'100 views)

Recording: 2023

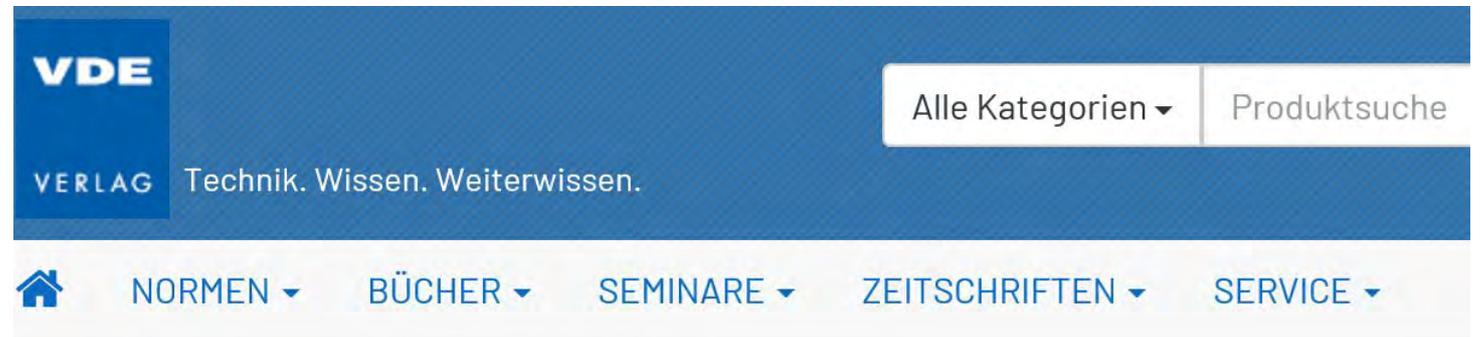
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Recording: 2024

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Introduction – Self-promotion

Book «Hochtemperatur-Wärmepumpen»



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Rubriken: [Kältetechnik](#) / [Das Gebäude - Gebäudetechnik, TGA und Facility Management](#)



Arpagaus, Cordin

Hochtemperatur-Wärmepumpen

Marktübersicht, Stand der Technik und Anwendungspotenziale

2019, 138 Seiten, 170 x 240 mm, Broschur

ISBN 978-3-8007-4550-0, E-Book: ISBN 978-3-8007-4551-7

Persönliche VDE-Mitglieder erhalten auf diesen Titel 10% Rabatt

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**2nd Edition of
the book is
being updated**

Link: <https://www.vde-verlag.de/buecher/494550/hochtemperatur-waermepumpen.html>

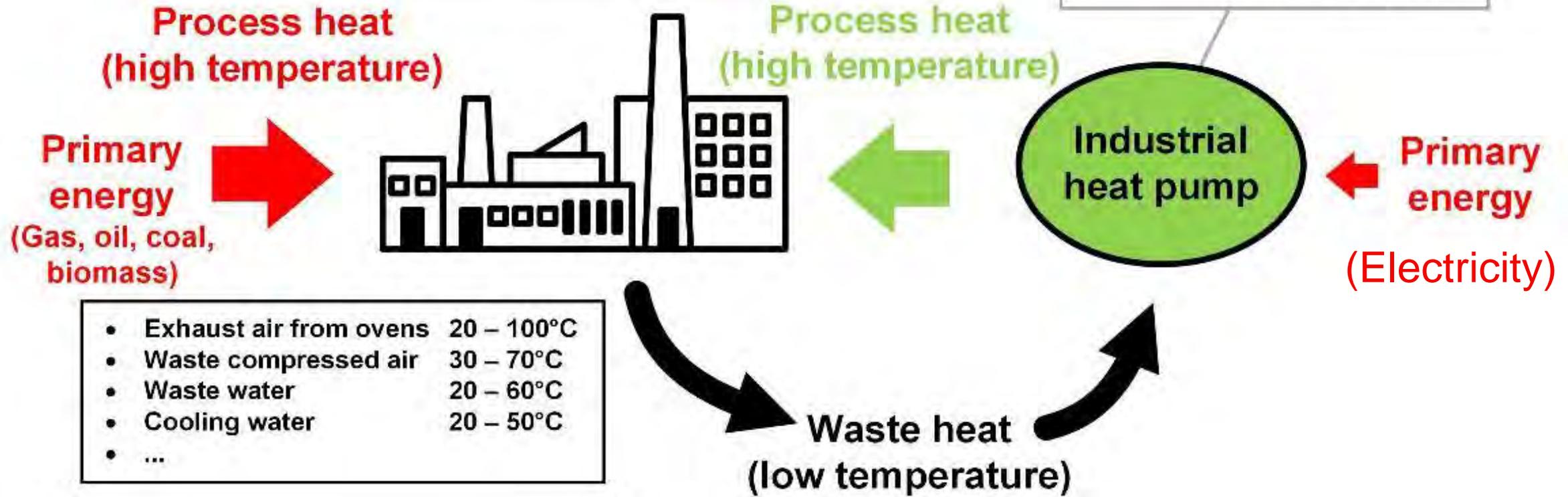
Motivation

Industrial Heat Pumps for Waste Heat Recovery

- Distillation 100 - 300°C
- Drying processes 40 - 250°C
- Evaporation 40 - 170°C
- Pasteurisation / Sterilisation 70 - 120°C
- ...

$$\text{COP} = \frac{\text{Useful heat}}{\text{Driving power}}$$

Heat pump efficiency



Source: Arpagaus et al. (2021): [Industrial Heat Pumps – Research and Market](#), DeCarbCH Lunch Talk, November 9, 2021

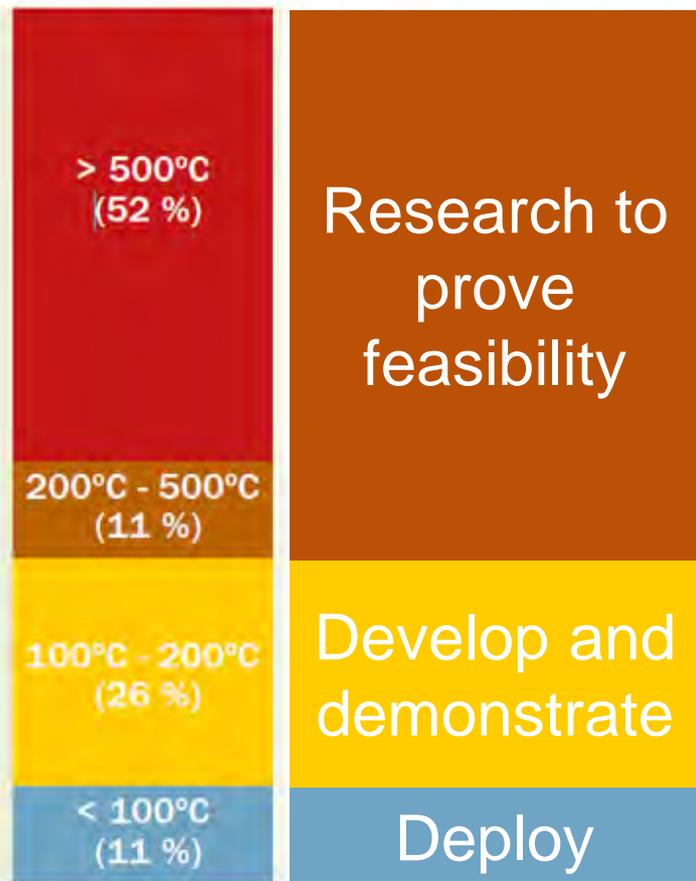
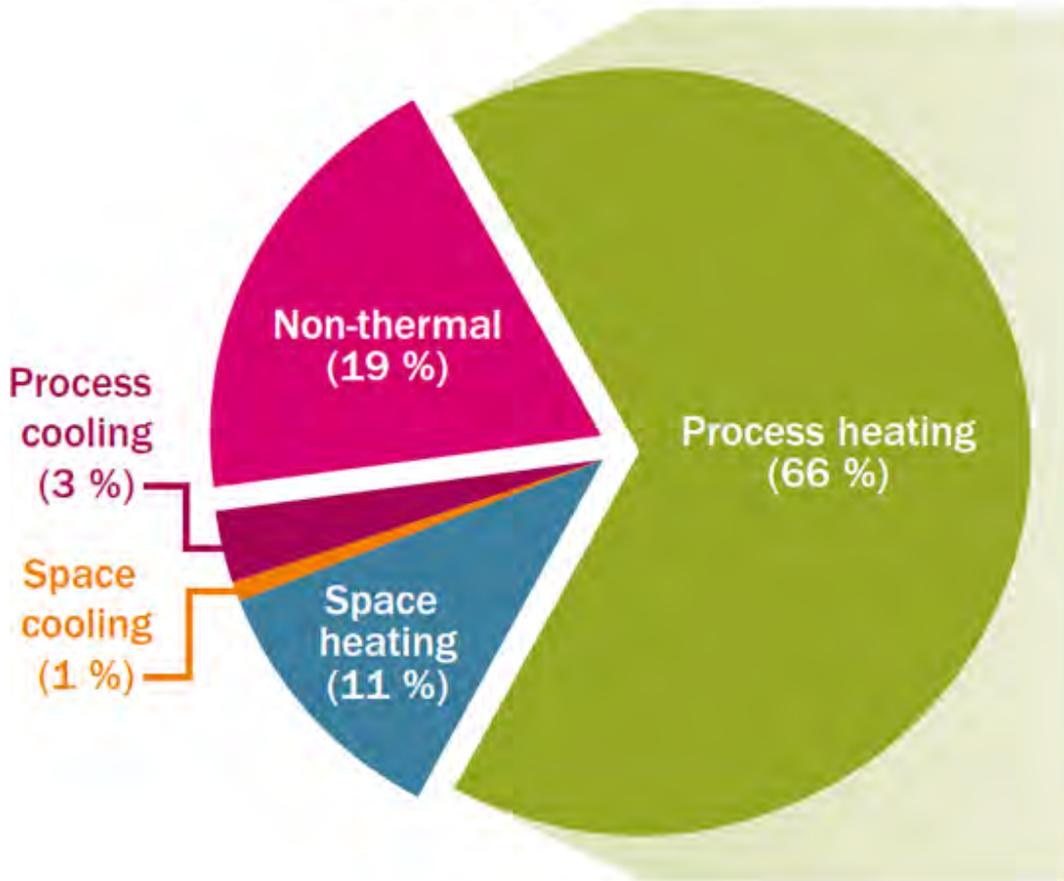
Motivation

Process Heat Demand in the European Industry



Total energy demand - 2950 TWh/a

Process heating demand - 1952 TWh/a



Research to prove feasibility

Develop and demonstrate

Deploy

Heat pumps are identified as a **key technology for the decarbonization** of this share of the industrial heat supply (< 200 °C)



37% of process heat of European industry is < 200 °C (730 TWh/a)

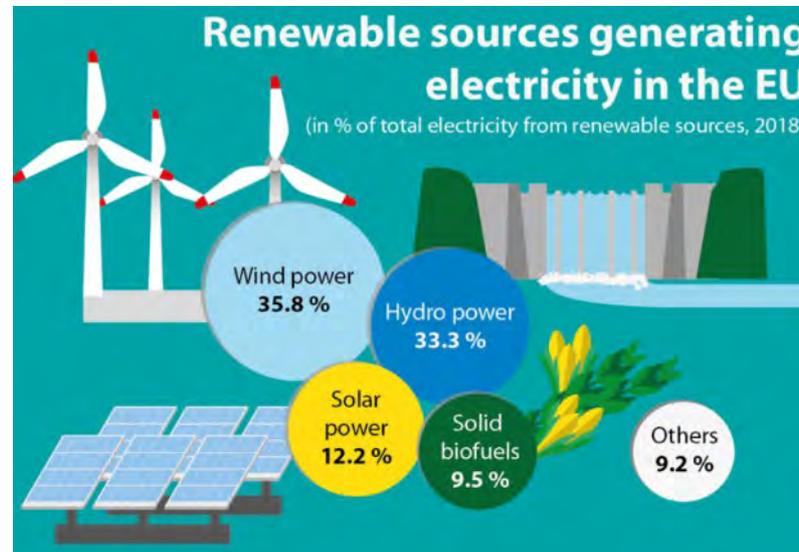
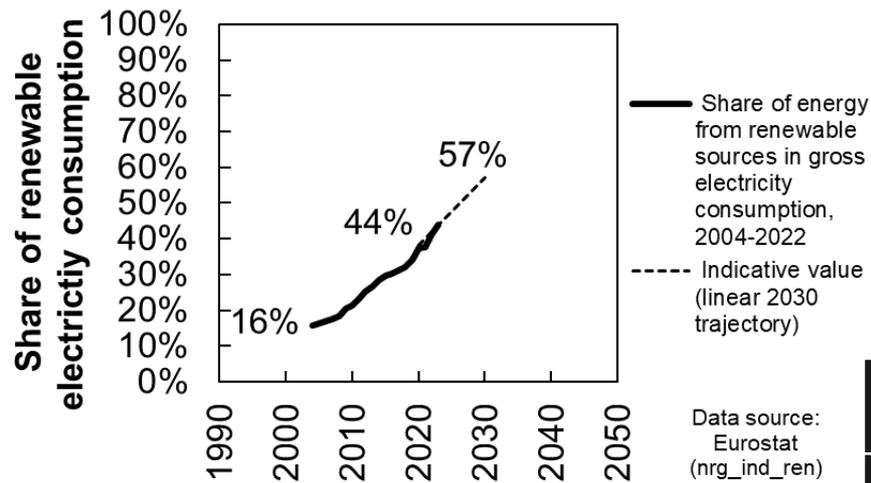
Source: De Boer et al. (2020): White Paper, [Strengthening Industrial Heat Pump Innovation, Decarbonizing Industrial Heat](#)

Motivation – Renewable electricity reduces CO₂ emission factor

Electricity from renewable sources up to 44% in 2023

EU level (EU-27)

Share of energy from renewable sources in gross electricity consumption

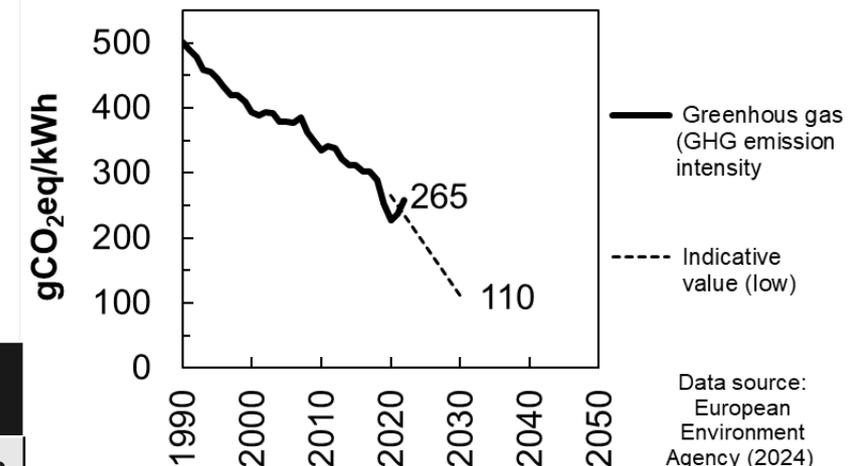


% of total electricity from renewable sources	2018	2022
Wind	35.8%	37.5%
Solar	12.2%	18.2%
Hydro	33.3%	29.9%
Solid biofuels	9.5%	6.9%
Others	9.2%	7.5%

Data source: [Eurostat Renewable energy statistics](#)

Data source: Eurostat (2024): Share of energy from renewable sources, data code nrg_ind_ren, https://doi.org/10.2908/nrg_ind_ren

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission intensity of electricity generation



Data source: [European Environment Agency \(2024\): Greenhouse gas emission intensity of electricity generation in Europe, 14 Jun 2024](#)

Motivation

Steam = important energy carrier in the industry

STEAM

Evaporation is an energy-intensive unit operation

Heating of water from 20 °C to 100 °C

= 330 kJ/kg

→ 1 t/h water = 90 kW

Evaporation of water

= 2'300 kJ/kg

→ 1t/h water = 630 kW

**7 x more
energy**

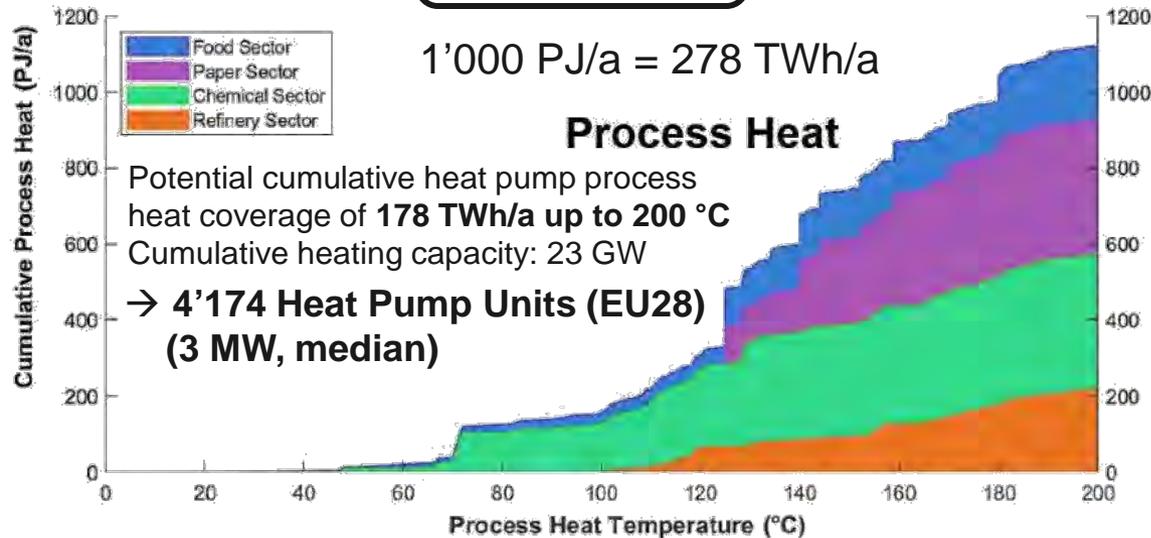


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Application Potential up to 200 °C is large ... but still emerging

Industrial process heat demand

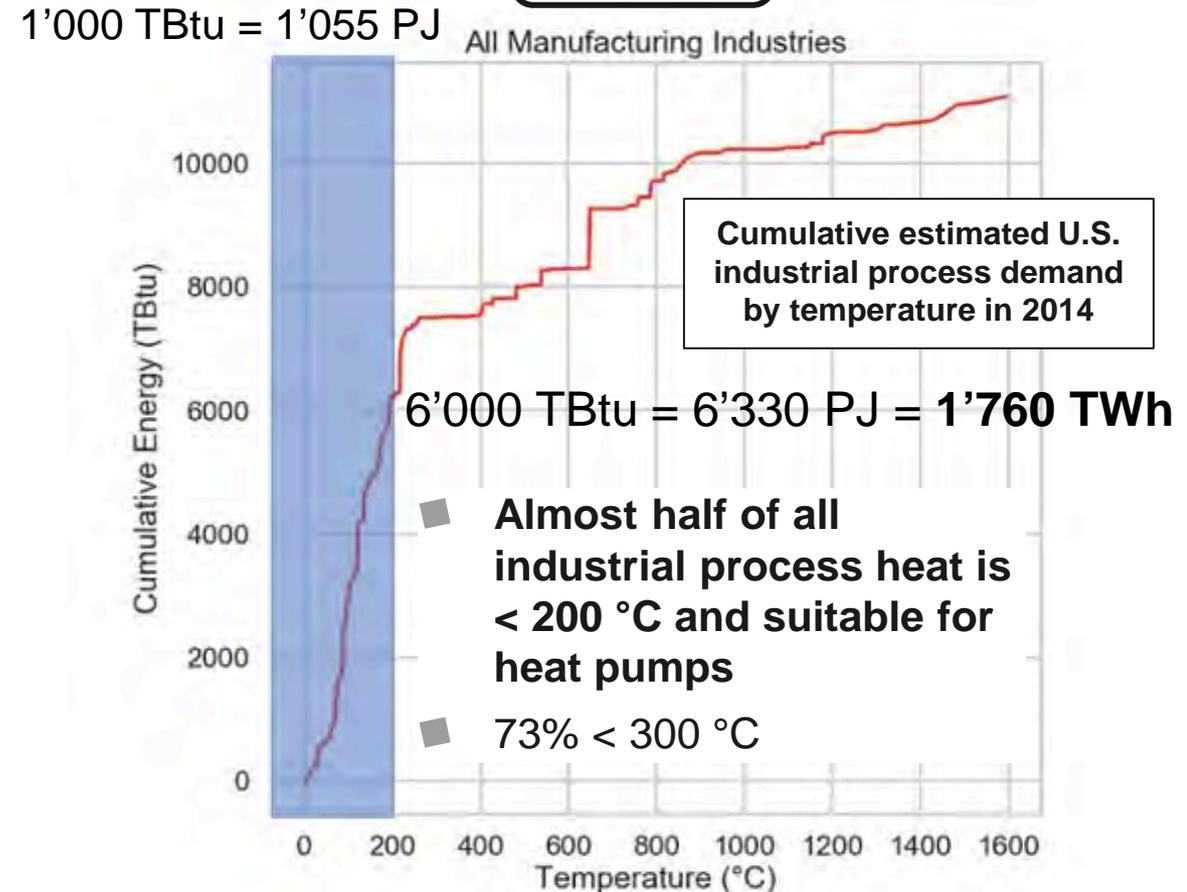
EU28



- Highest potential in the **food, paper, and chemical sectors**
- Available **waste heat** between 40 °C and 100 °C is estimated to be 212 TWh/a (764 PJ/a) (EU28)

Source: Marina et al. (2021): An estimation of the European industrial heat pump market potential, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 139, 110545, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rser.2020.110545>

U.S.



Source: McMillan et al. (2021): Opportunities for Solar Industrial Process Heat in the United States, Technical Report, NREL/TP-6A20-77760, <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/77760.pdf>

Application Potential in Europe EU-28

Process heat demand, temperature levels, industrial sectors

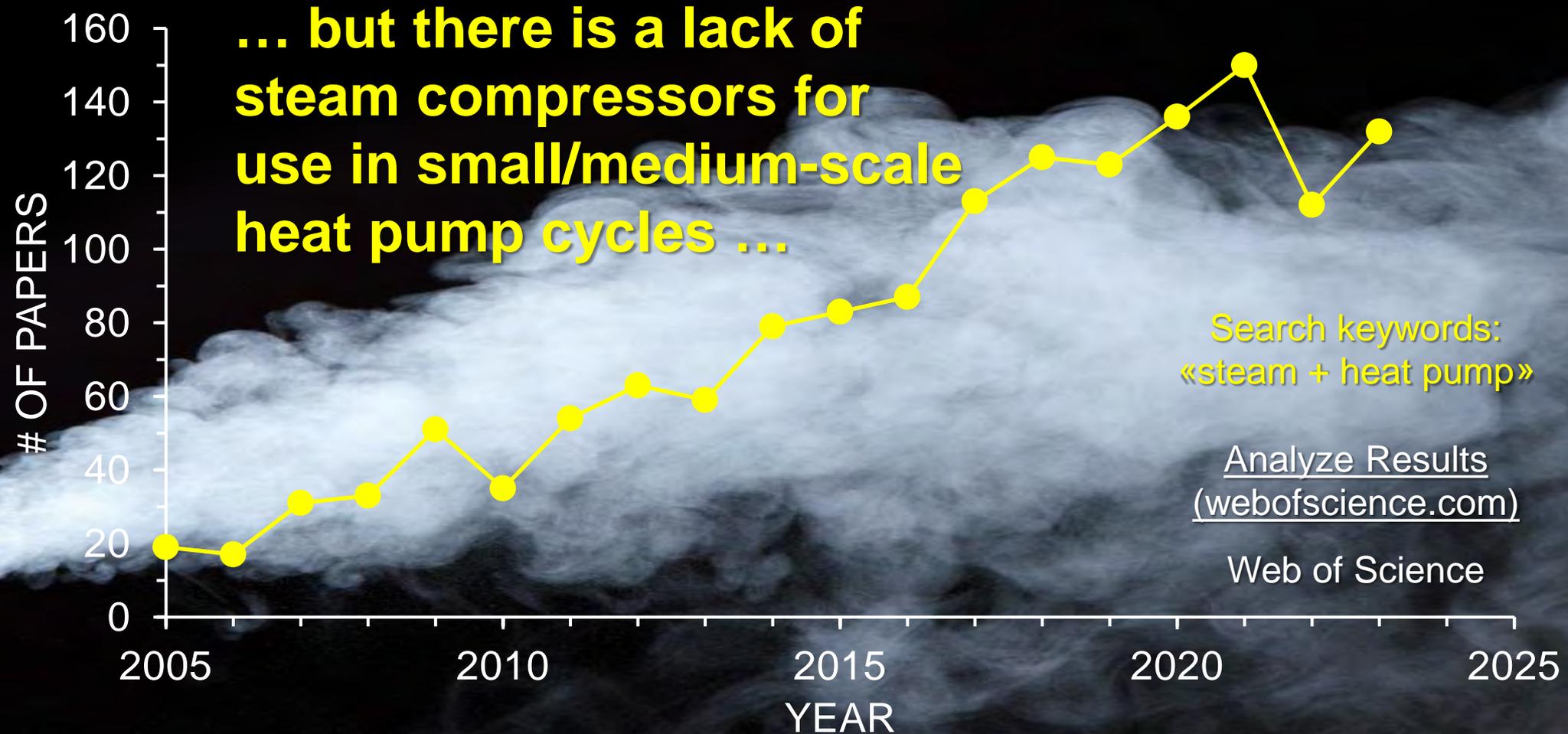
EU28

Heat Consumption (TWh/a) EU-28		
	Space heating	297 16%
	Hot water	25 1%
Process heat	PH <60 °C	55 3%
	PH 60 to 80 °C	53 3%
	PH 80 to 100 °C	89 5%
	PH 100 to 150 °C	192 11%
	PH 150 to 200 °C	80 4%
	PH 200 to 500 °C	151 8%
	PH 500 to 1'000 °C	376 21%
	PH >1'000 °C	504 28%
	Total Heat Consumption (TWh/year)	
Total Process Heat <60 °C to >1'000 °C (TWh/year)		1'499
Total Process Heat 90 °C to 160 °C (TWh/year)		237 16%

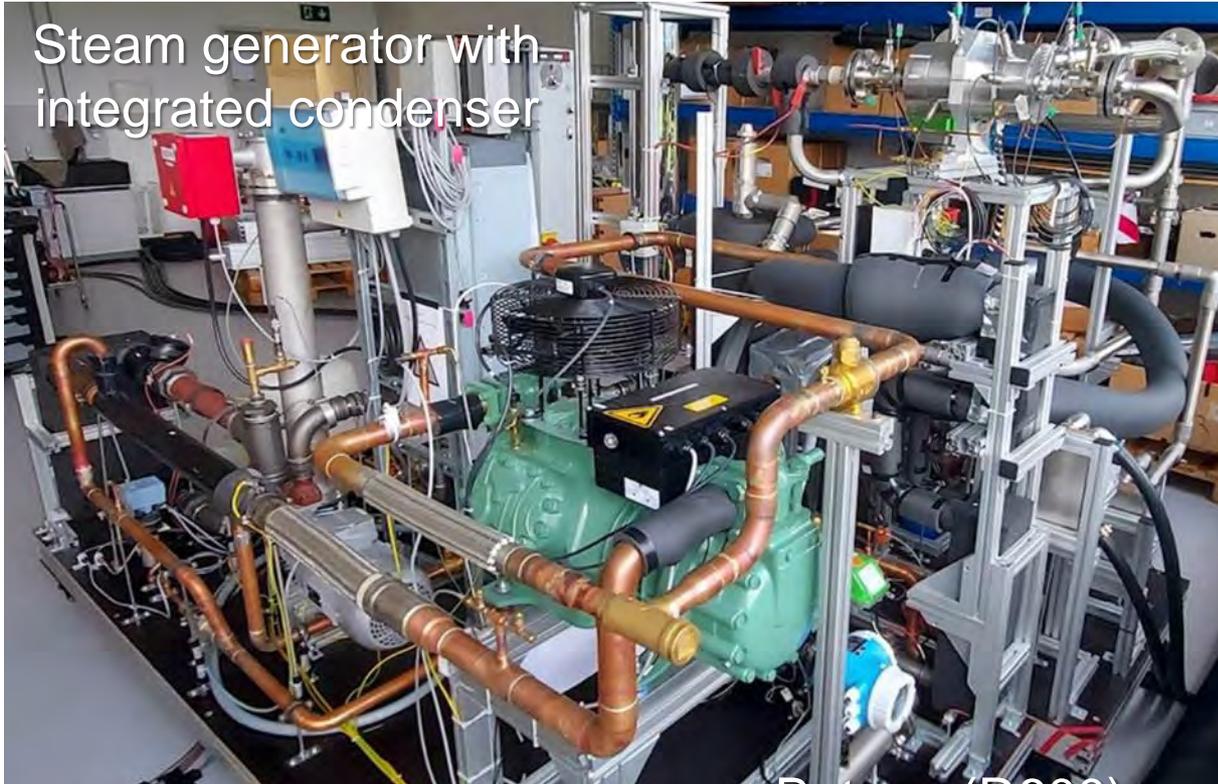
Process Heat Consumption (TWh/a)		
Industrial sector	PH 100 to 150 °C	PH 150 to 200 °C
Iron and steel	19.8	7.3
Chemical	19.3	15.4
Non-ferrous metal	2.7	1.0
Non-metallic minerals	36.5	0.0
Food and tobacco	68.0	8.8
Paper, pulp and print	10.0	39.4
Machinery	6.9	2.9
Wood and wood products	0.2	0.7
Transport equipment	1.2	0.2
Textile and leather	6.9	0.0
Other	19.1	4.2
Total	191	80

Data source: Kosmadakis (2019): Estimating the potential of industrial (high-temperature) heat pumps for exploiting waste heat in EU industries, Applied Thermal Engineering, 156, 287-298, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.applthermaleng.2019.04.082>

Publications are increasing



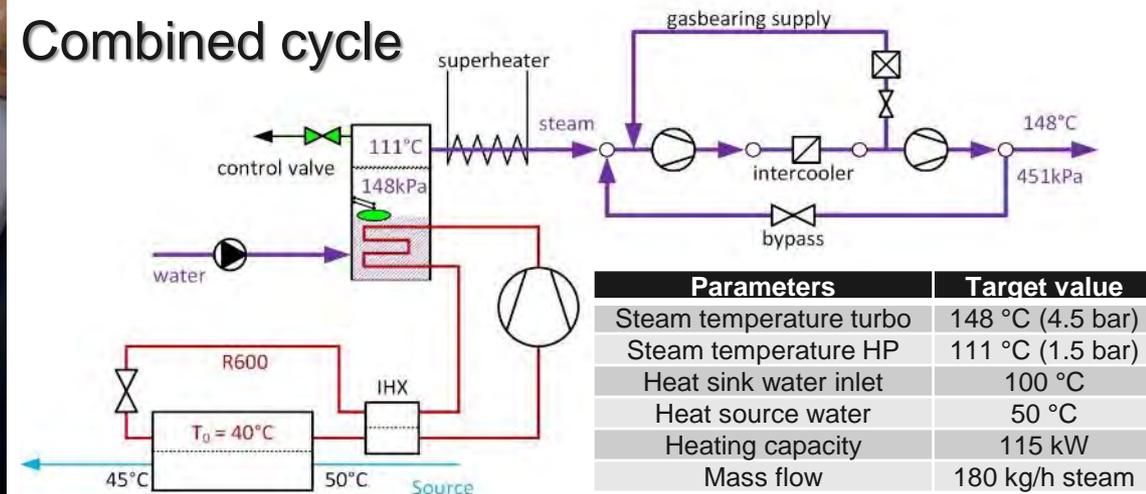
R600/R718 (Butane/Water) Steam generating heat pump



Butane (R600) heat pump built from standard components



Combined cycle



Source: Uhlmann, M., Olmedo, L.E., Arpagaus, C., Bless, F., Schiffmann, J., Bertsch, S.: Efficient steam generation in industry – Combined heat pump cycle with mechanical vapor recompression, 15th IIR-Gustav Lorentzen conference on Natural Refrigerants, June 13-15, 2022, Trondheim, Norway, <http://dx.doi.org/10.18462/iir.gl2022.0049>

Suppliers of High-Temperature Heat Pumps

Evolution of the HTHP market

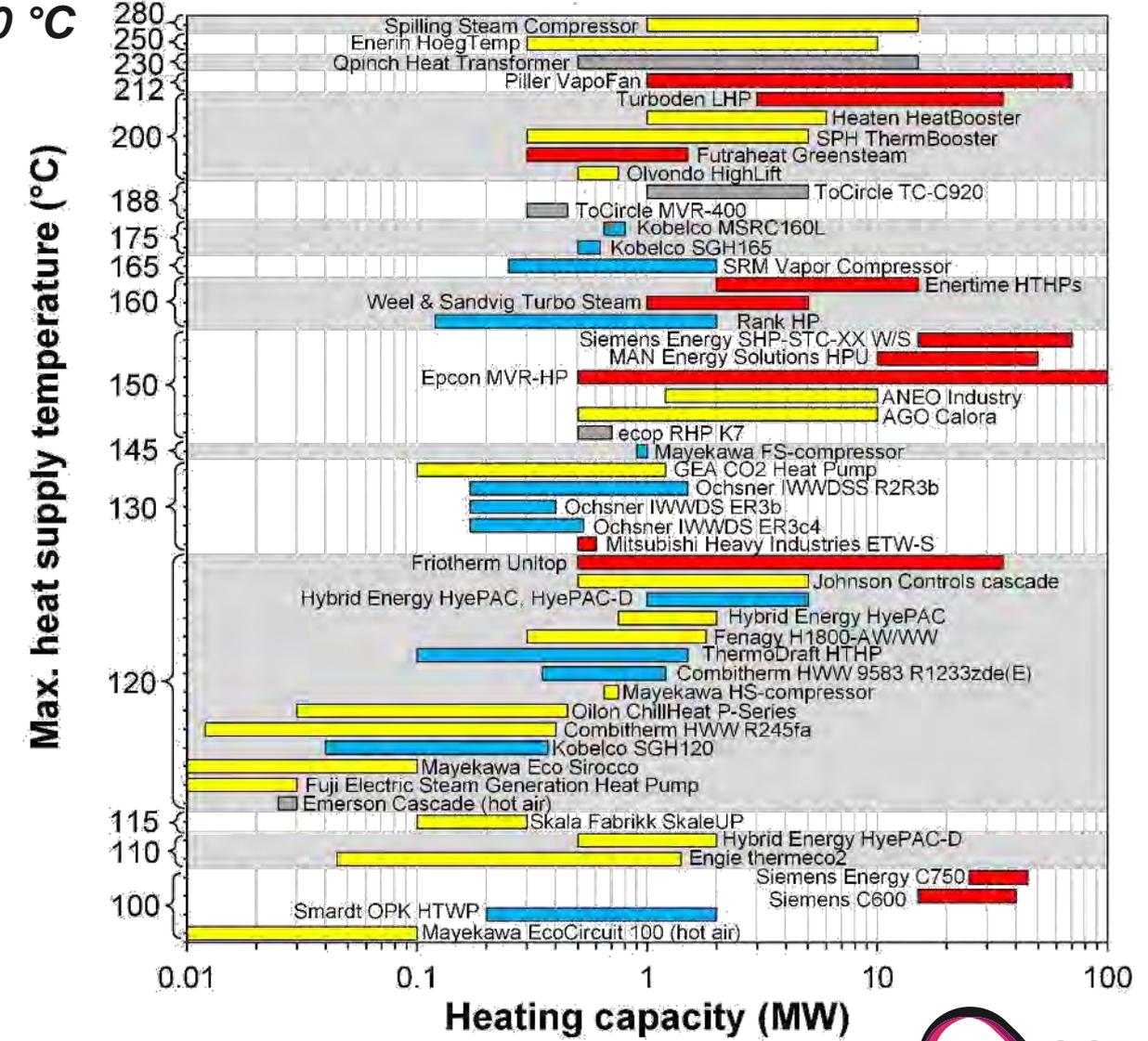
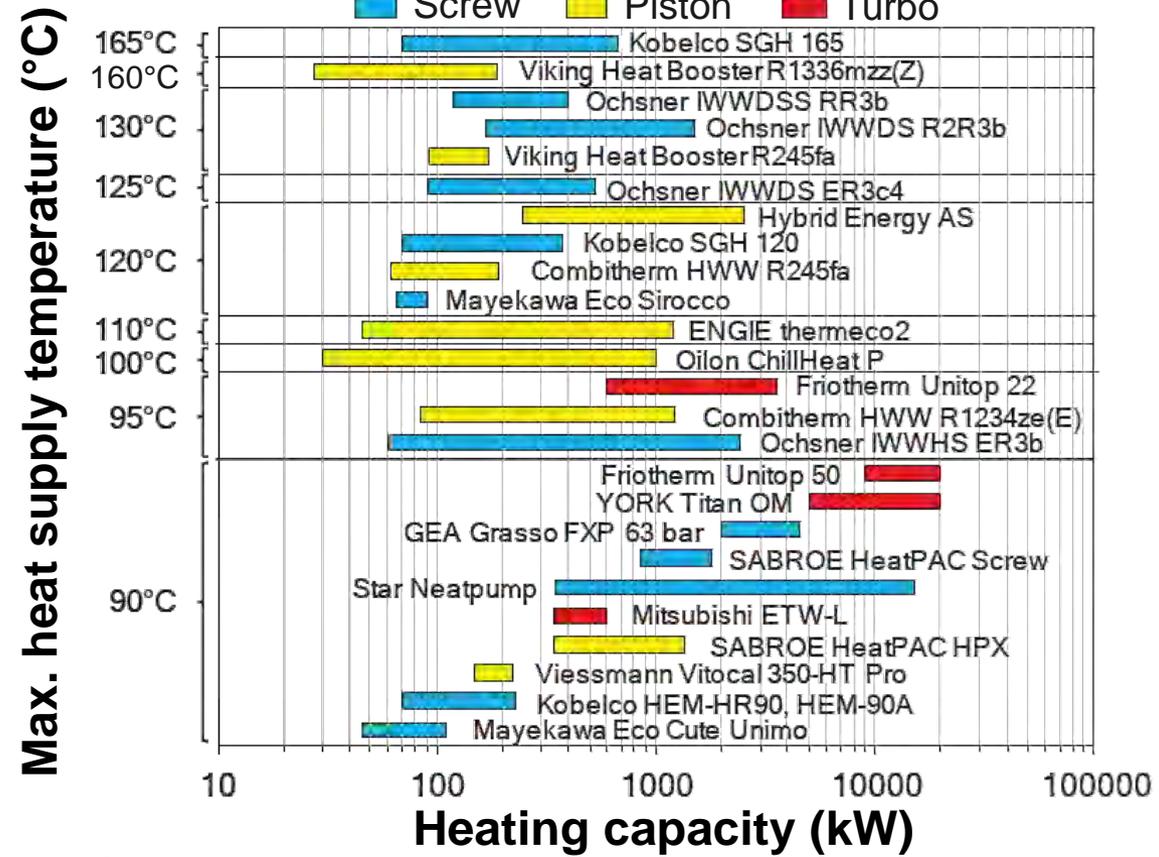
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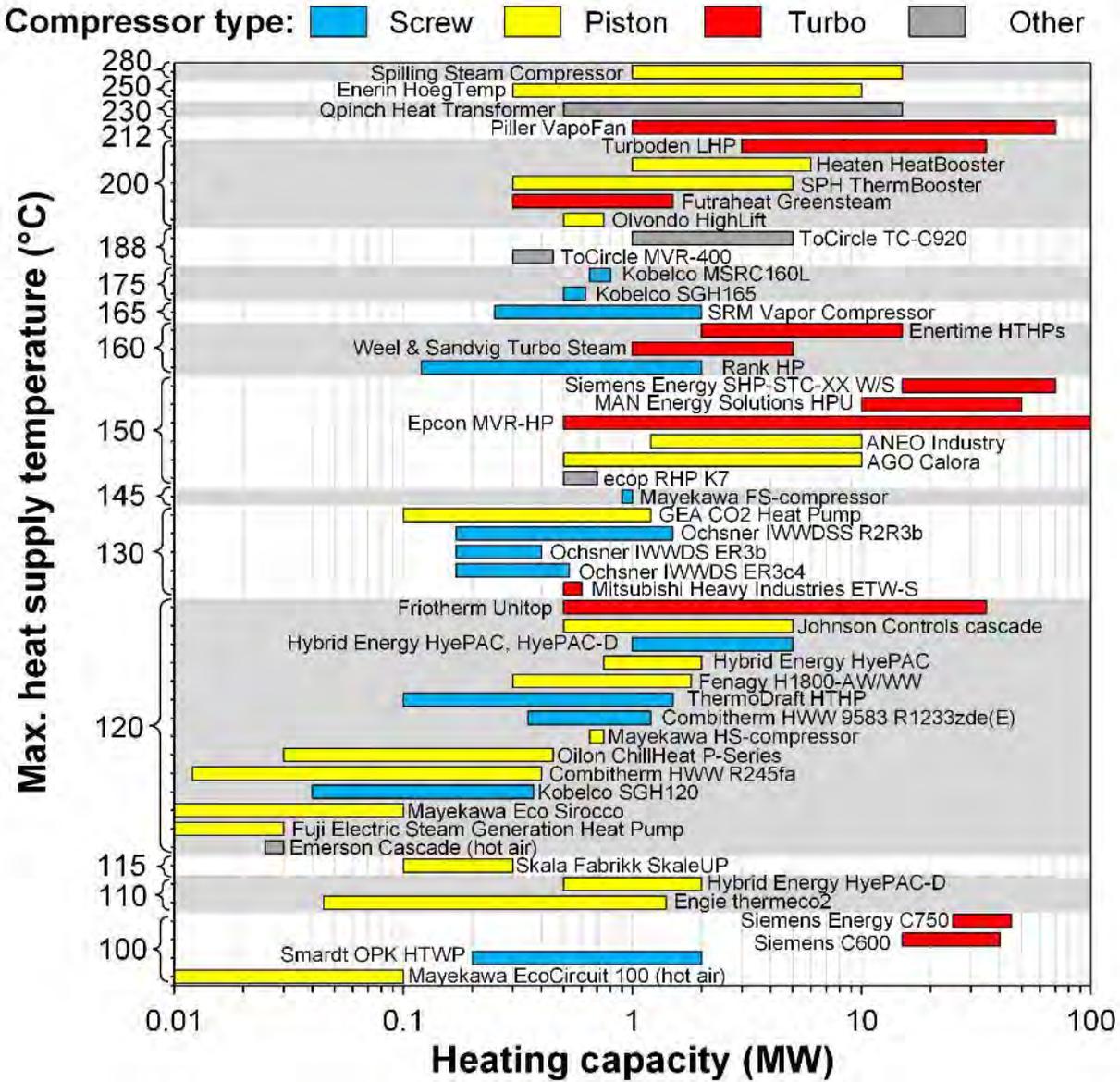
50 HTHPs > 100 °C

25 HTHPs > 90 °C

Compressor type: ■ Screw ■ Piston ■ Turbo ■ Other

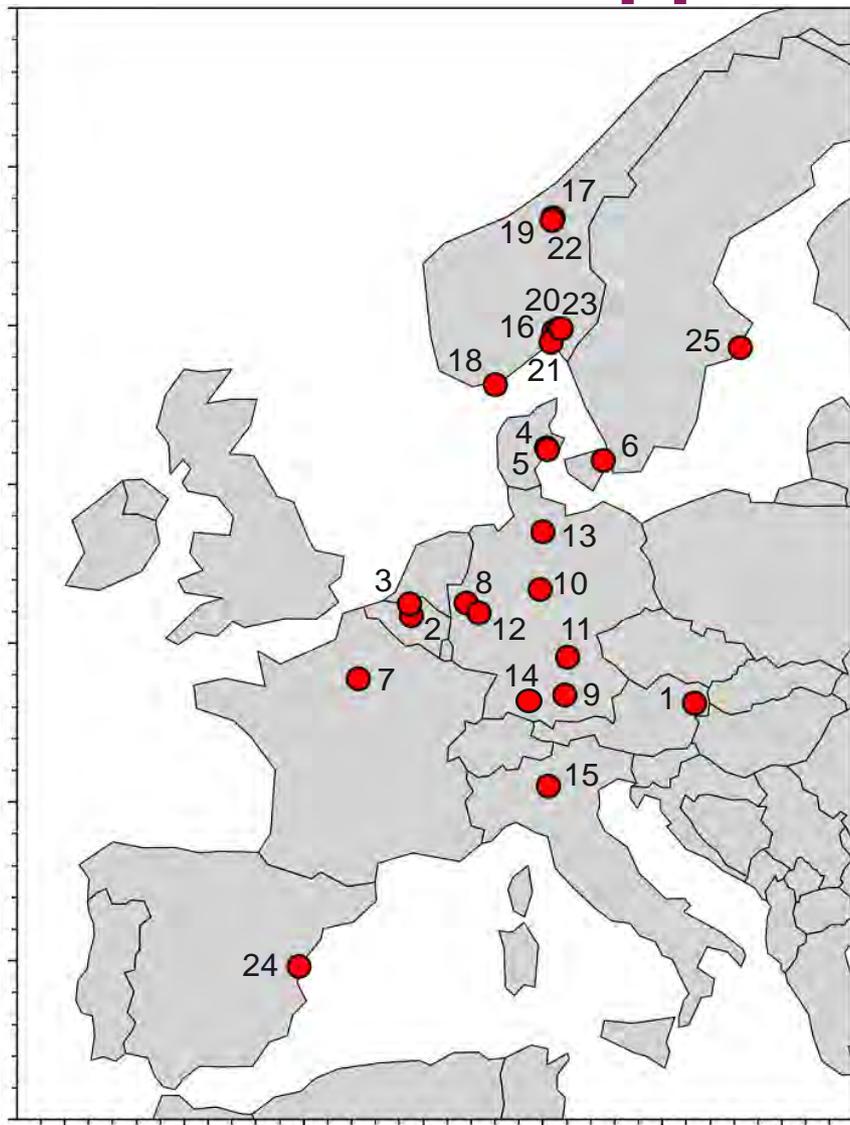


Suppliers of HTHP technology above 100 °C (non-exhaustive list)



Commercial High-Temperature Heat Pumps for Supply Temperatures > 100 °C

Headquarters of HTHP suppliers in Europe



- 1 Ecop (AT)
- 2 Mayekawa MYCOM (BE)
- 3 Qpinch (BE)
- 4 Fenagy (DK)
- 5 Johnson Controls (DK)
- 6 Weel and Sandvig (DK)
- 7 Enertime (FR)
- 8 GEA (DE)
- 9 MAN (DE)
- 10 Piller (DE)
- 11 Siemens (DE)
- 12 SPH (DE)
- 13 Spilling (DE)
- 14 Combitherm (DE)
- 15 Turboden (IT)
- 16 Enerin (NO)
- 17 Epcon (NO)
- 18 Heaten (NO)
- 19 Hybrid Energy (NO)
- 20 ANEO (NO)
- 21 Olvondo (NO)
- 22 Skala Fabrikk (NO)
- 23 ToCircle (NO)
- 24 Rank (ES)
- 25 SRM (SE)

Japan

- 26 Fuji (JP)
- 27 KOBELCO (JP)
- 28 Mitsubishi (JP)



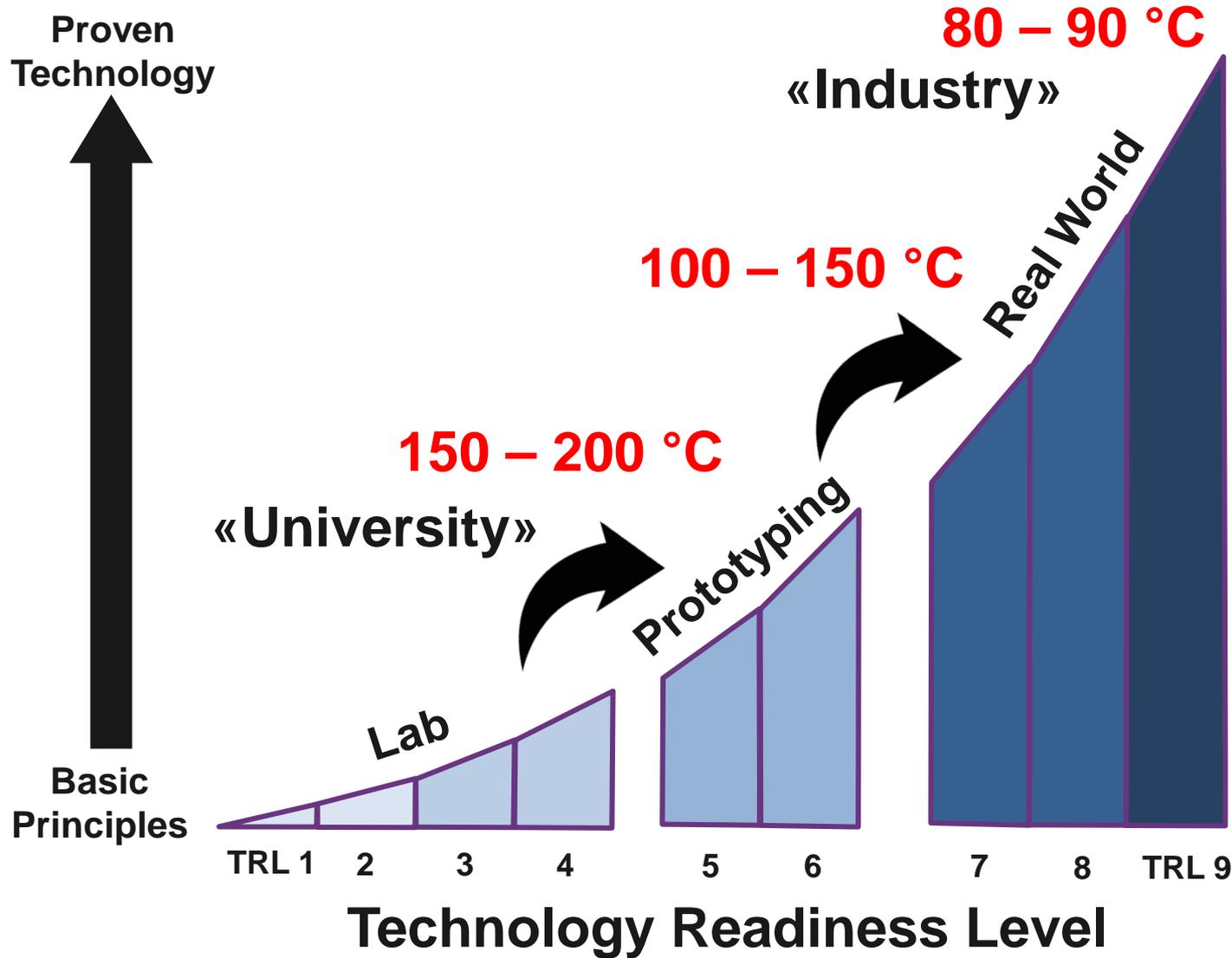
Based on database of
IEA HPT Annex 58:

<https://heatpumpingtechnologies.org/annex58/task1>



Technology Readiness: HTHP Technologies

What is the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of HTHP ?



Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)

TRL 9	Actual system proven in operational environment
TRL 8	System complete and qualified
TRL 7	System prototype demonstration in operational environment
TRL 6	Technology demonstrated in relevant (industrial) environment
TRL 5	Technology validated in relevant (industrial) environment
TRL 4	Technology validated in lab
TRL 3	Experimental proof of concept
TRL 2	Technology concept formulated
TRL 1	Basic principles observed

Source: TRL scale definition in Horizon Europe projects, https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014_2015/annexes/h2020-wp1415-annex-g-trl_en.pdf

HTHP Technologies

Indicated TRL levels

- 23 market available (TRL 8-9)
- 7 prototype and demonstration systems (TRL 6-7)
- 3 lab/small-scale prototypes (TRL 4-5)

Data source: IEA HPT Annex 58

<https://heatpumpingtechnologies.org/annex58/task1>

Note:

All information has been provided by the suppliers without third-party validation.

The information was provided as an indicative basis and may be different in final installations depending on application-specific parameters.

HTHP supplier (High-Temperature Heat Pump)	Product	Max. heating capacity (MW)	Max. supply temp. (°C)	TRL (Technology Readiness Level)										
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Spilling	Steam Compressor	15	280											9
Enerin	HoegTemp	10	250								6			
Qpinch	Heat Transformer	2	230											9
Piller	VapoFan	70	212										8	9
Olvondo	HighLift	5	200											9
Turboden	LHP	30	200									7	8	9
ToCircle	TC-C920	5	188								6	7		
Kobelco MSRC160	MSRC160	0.8	175											9
Kobelco SGH165	SGH165	0.62	175											9
Heaten	HeatBooster	6	165									7	8	9
SPH	Thermbooster	5	165								6	7	8	
SRM	Compressor for water vapor	2	165							5				
Siemens Energy	Industrial Heat Pump	70	160											9
Enertime	HTHPs	10	160				4	5	6	7	8			
Weel & Sandvig	WS Turbo Steam	5	160				4	5	6	7	8	9		
Rank	Rank® HP	2	160									7		
MAN	ETES CO ₂ Heat Pump	50	150									7	8	
Epcon	MVR-HP	30	150											9
Ohmia Industry	SPHP	10	150									7	8	
ecop	Rotation Heat Pump K7	0.7	150								6	7		
Mayekawa FC Comp	FC-compressor	1	145							5				
GEA Refrigeration	CO ₂ Heat Pump	1.2	130										8	
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.	ETW-S	0.6	130											9
Hybrid Energy	HyPAC-S	5	120											9
Johnson Controls	Cascade Heat Pump System	5	120										7	8
Fenagy	H1800-AW/WW	1.8	120								5	6		
Mayekawa HS Comp	HS-compressor	0.75	120										7	
Kobelco SGH120	SGH120	0.37	120											9
Mayekawa EcoSirocco	Eco Sirocco	0.1	120											9
Fuji Electric	Steam Generation Heat Pump	0.03	120											9
Emerson	Cascade Solution	0.03	120									6		
Skala Fabrikk	SkaleUP	0.3	115										7	
Mayekawa EcoCircuit	Eco Circuit 100	0.1	100										8	9

Other suppliers:

- Ago Calora (150 °C)
- Ochsner (130 °C)
- Oilon (120 °C)
- PureThermal (120 °C)
- ThermoDraft (120 °C)
- Combitherm (120 °C)
- ...

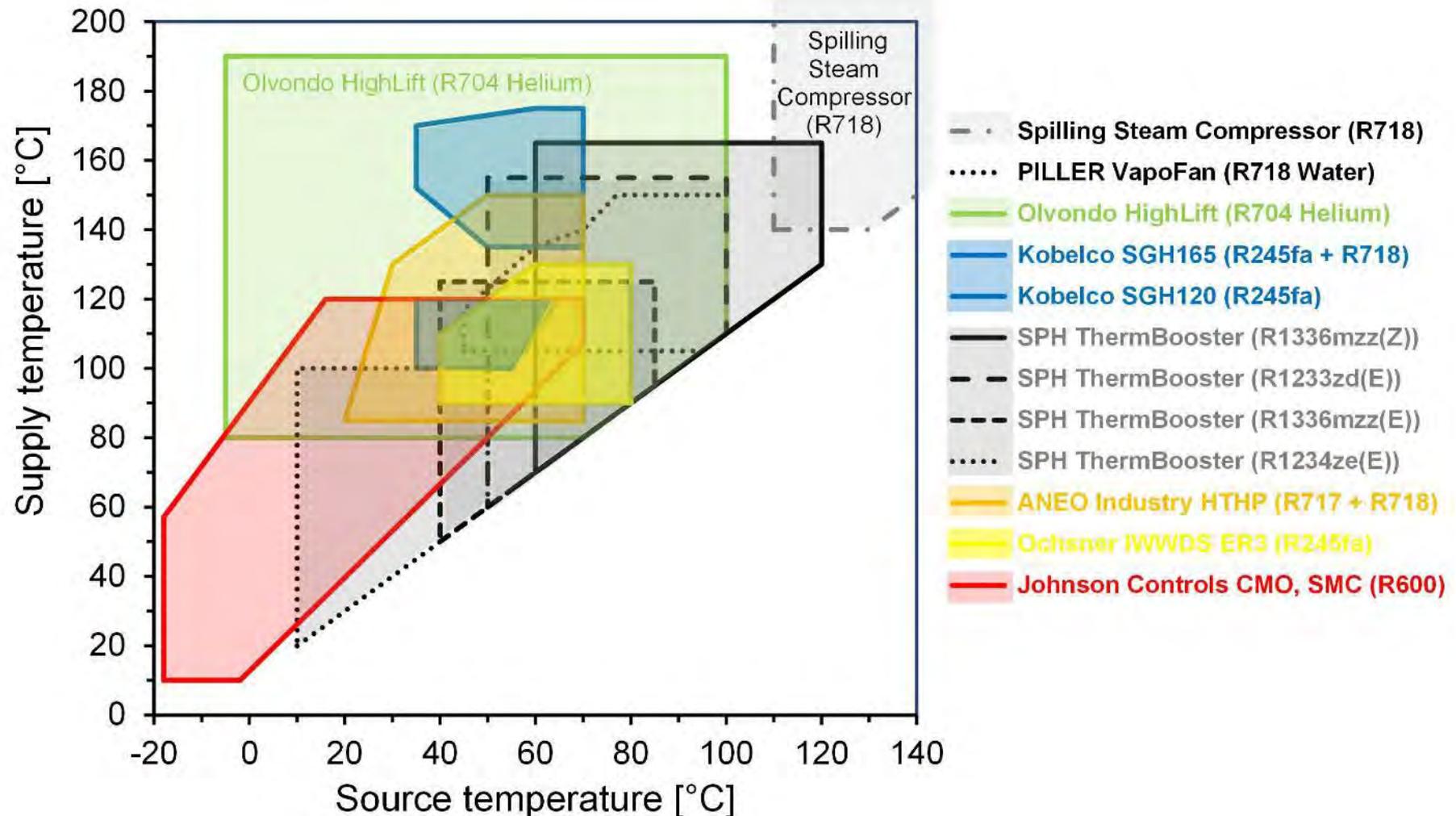
Large-scale:

- FrioTherm
- MAN Energy Solutions
- Turboden
- Mitsubishi MHPS
- Siemens Energy
- ...



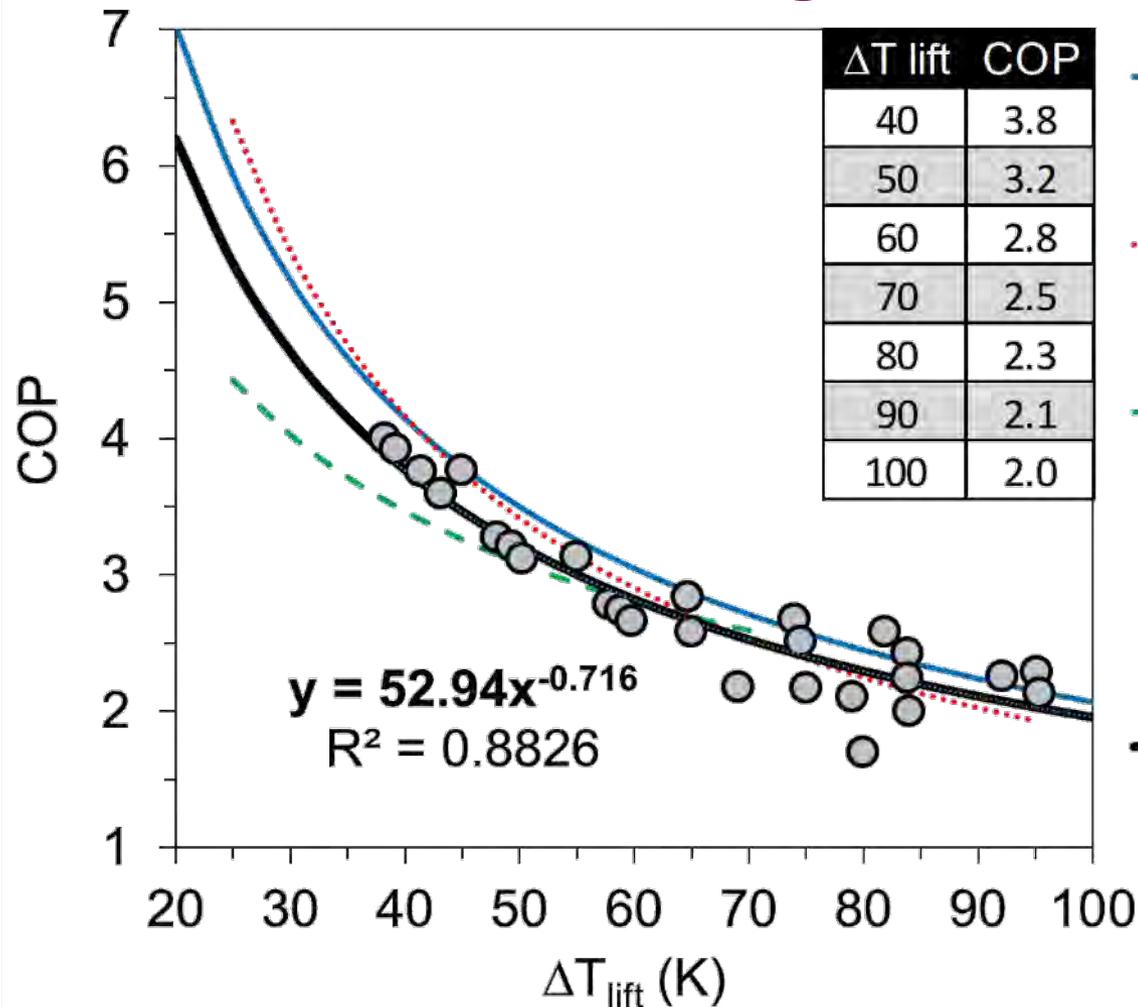
High-Temperature Heat Pumps for Supply Temperatures > 100 °C

Operating maps of some industrial SGHPs



Source: Arpagaus et al. (2023): [Integration of High-Temperature Heat Pumps in Swiss Industrial Processes \(HTHP-CH\)](#), 14th IEA Heat Pump Conference, 15-18 May 2023, Chicago, USA

COP of Steam Generating Heat Pumps



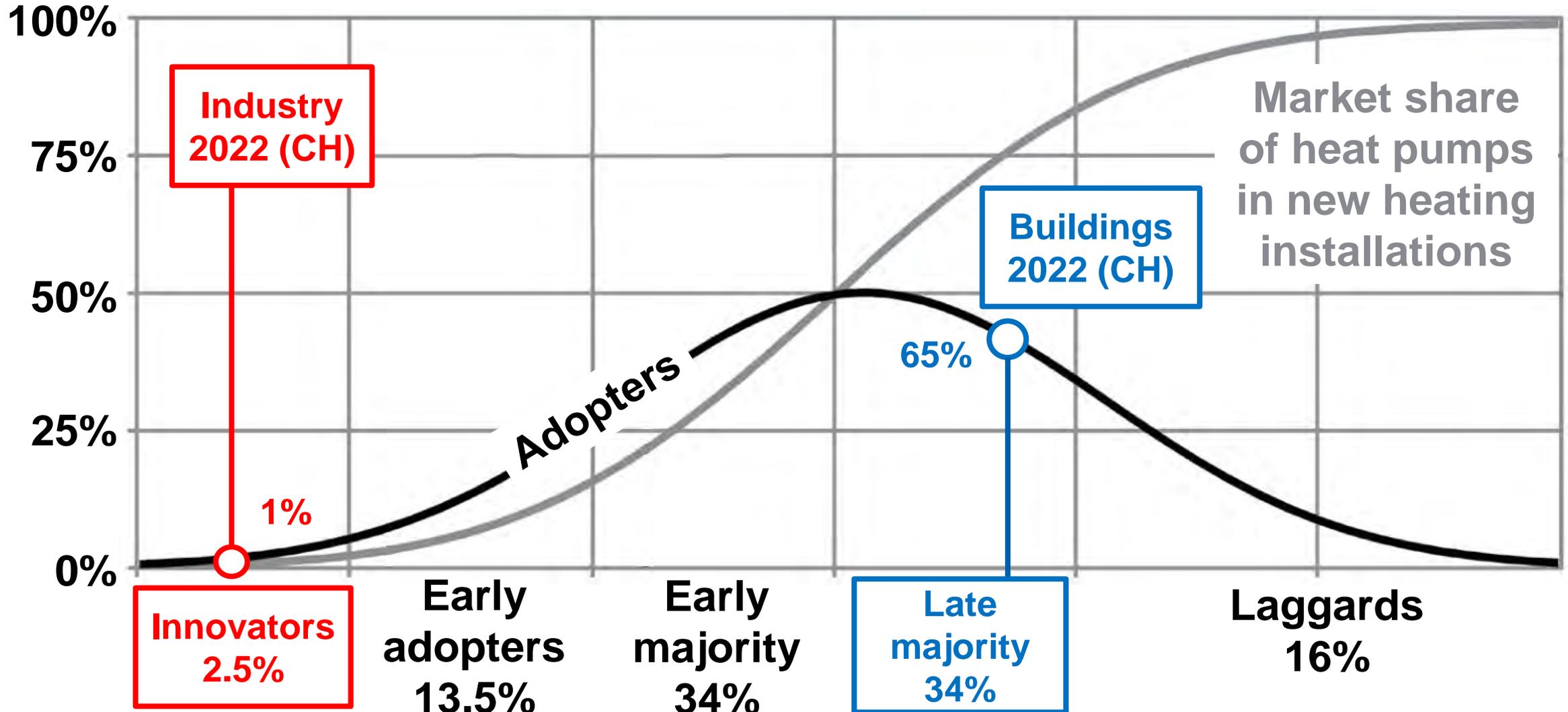
- Arpagaus et al. (2018), Several manufacturers of industrial HTHPs, $y = 68.455x^{-0.76}$
- Schlosser et al. (2020) & Jesper et al. (2021), Water/Water-VHTHPs with HCFO, HFC or HFO, $y = 110.38x^{-0.888}$
- - Schlosser et al. (2020), Water/steam-VHTHPs, $y = 23.642x^{-0.52}$
- 32 data points of industrial SGHPs based on offers from heat pump suppliers
- Fit function based on 32 data points, $y = 52.94x^{-0.716}$

$$COP = 52.94 \cdot \Delta T_{lift}^{-0.716}$$

Source: Arpagaus, C., Bless, F., Bertsch, S.: Techno-economic analysis of steam generating heat pumps for integration into distillation processes, GL2022, 15th IIR-Gustav Lorentzen conference on Natural Refrigerants, 13-15 June 2022, Trondheim, Norway, <http://dx.doi.org/10.18462/iir.gl2022.0029>

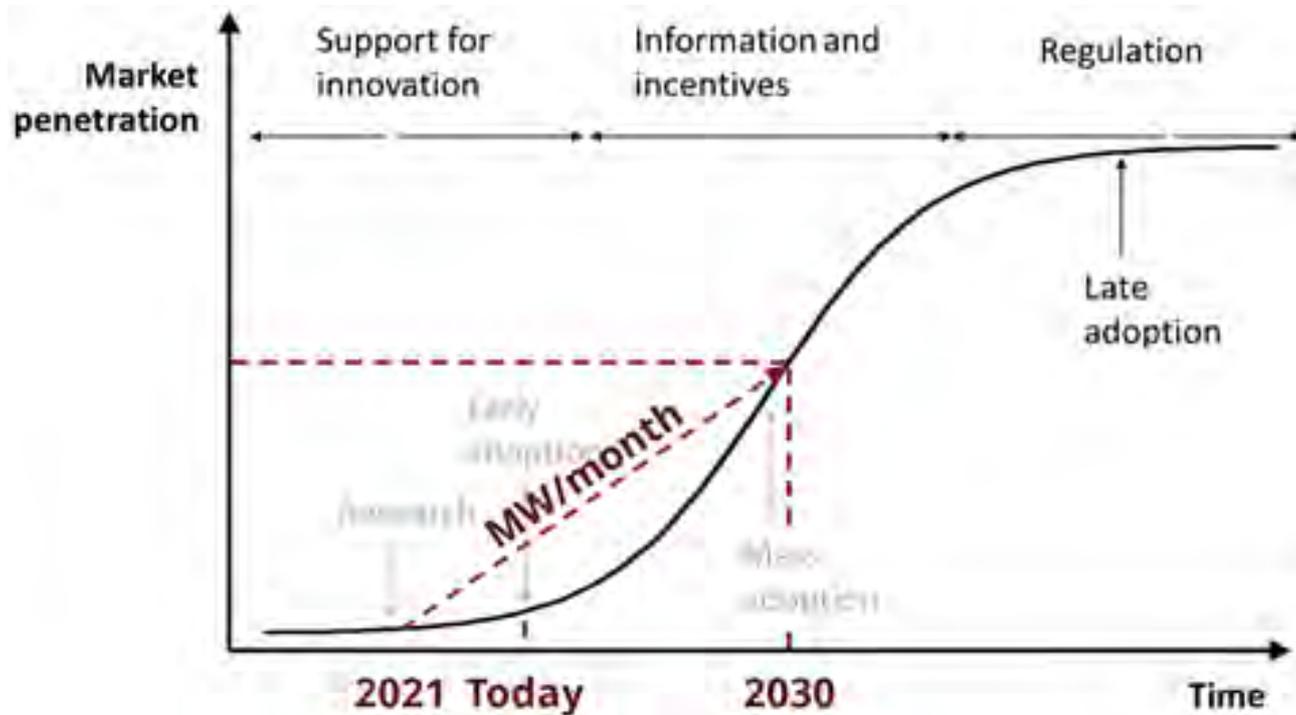
Market Analysis – Diffusion of Innovation

Technology Adoption of Heat Pumps in Switzerland – Status 2022



Market Analysis – Diffusion of Innovation

S-curve of HTHP technology adoption



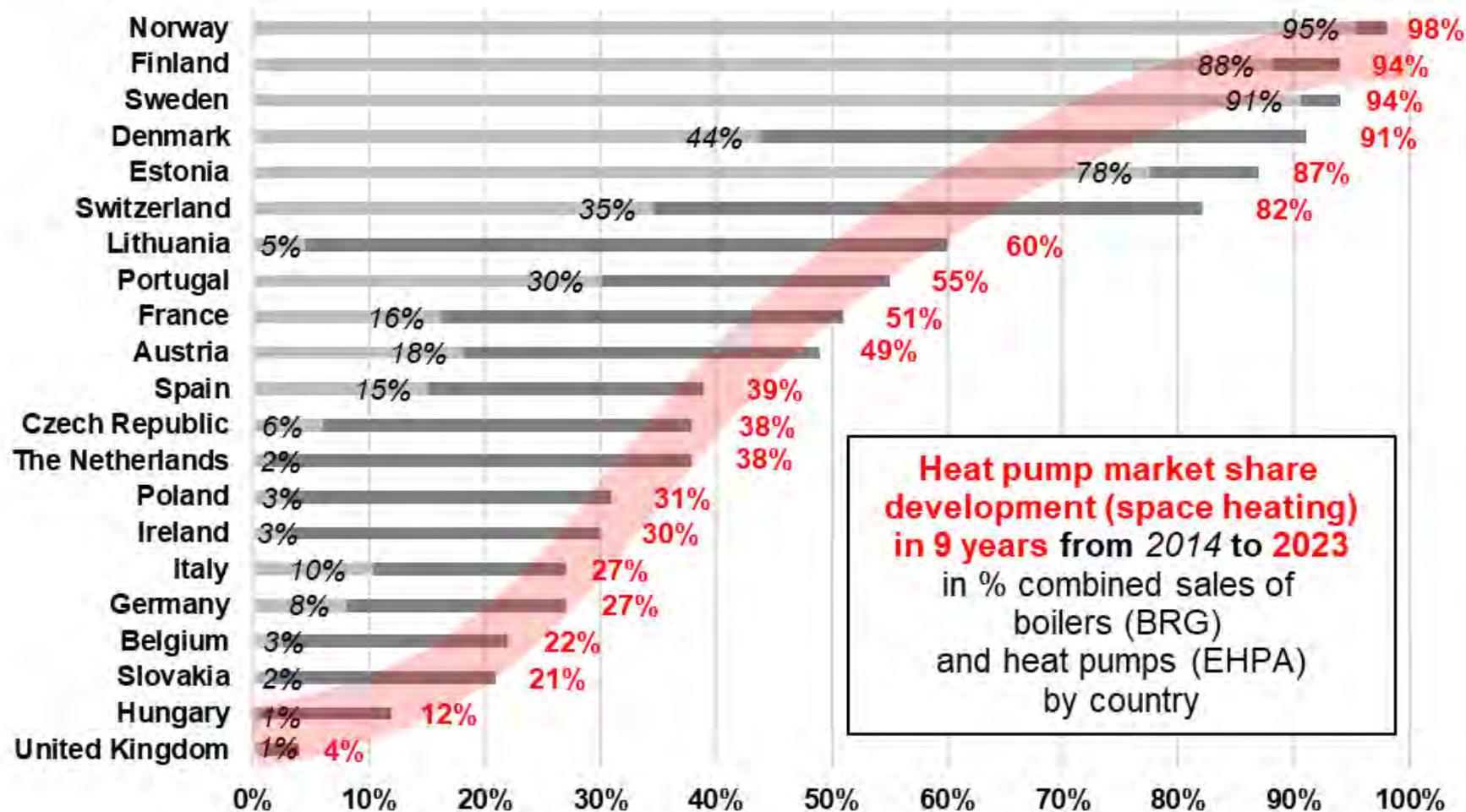
Source: Zühlsdorf (2024)

Favorable market conditions:

- Support for innovation and research
- More information
- Economic incentives
- Technology awareness
- Commitment to sustainability and decarbonization
- Involvement of various stakeholders

Market Adoption – S-curve by country for space heating

Heat pumps market share development over the last 9 years



Sweden

- Energy crisis end 1970s
- Shortage of oil
- Companies started developing heat pumps
- Hydro- and nuclear power
- Electricity is cheap and surplus
- Imports of oil unsecure

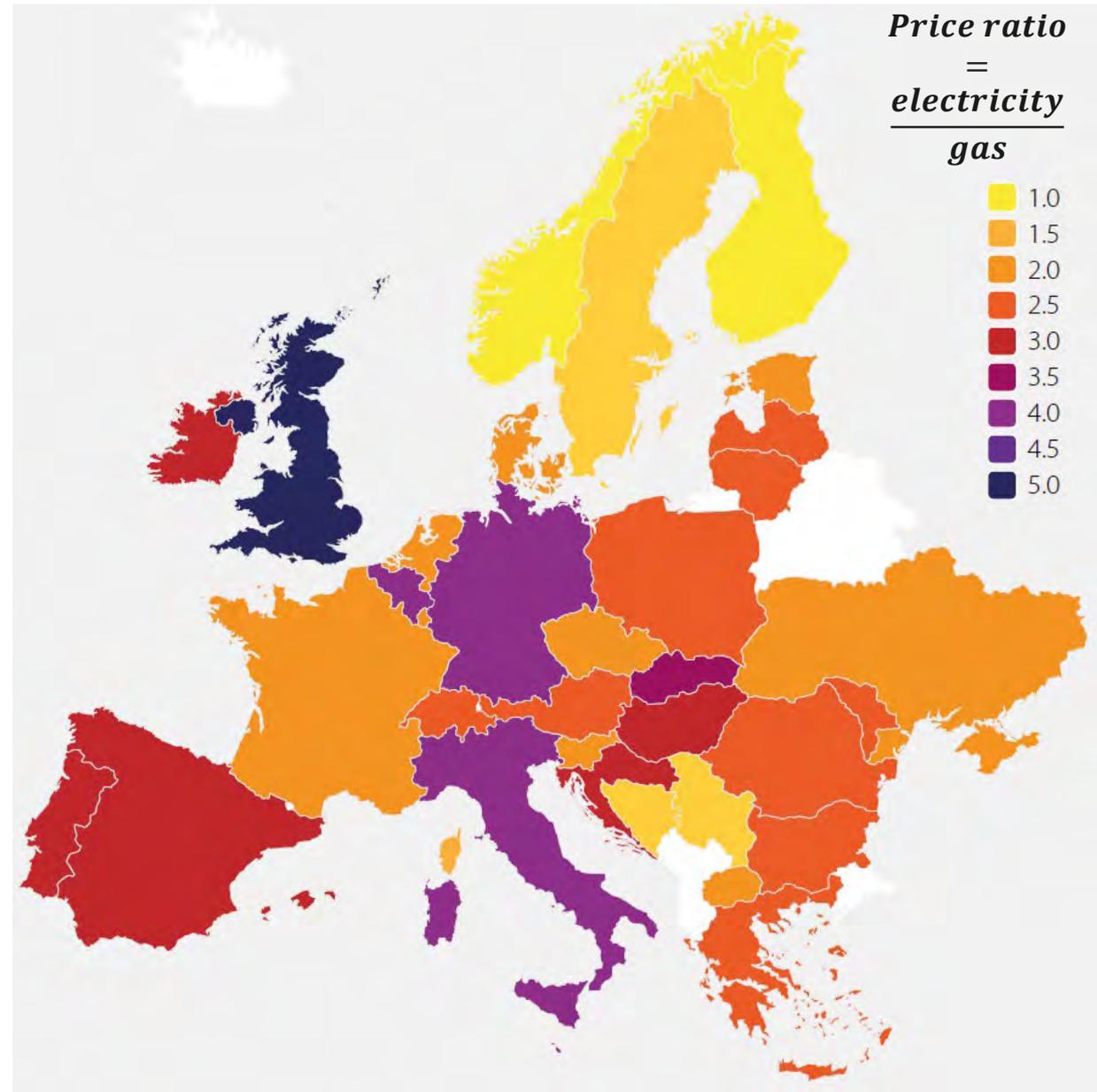


Own illustration, Data source: EHPA Market Report Charts, <https://stats.ehpa.org/home/report-charts>

Market Attractiveness depends on Price Ratio between Electricity and Gas

- Decarbonization requires increased use of **renewable electricity**
- **Electricity is more expensive** than fossil fuel in many European countries

For small scale industrial end-users with
2 GWh/a to 20 GWh/a electricity
3 GWh/a to 28 GWh/a gas



Source: De Boer et al. (2020): [Strengthening Industrial Heat Pump Innovation, Decarbonizing Industrial Heat](#), White Paper, July 14, 2020

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OPEX Parity COP and Temperature Lift

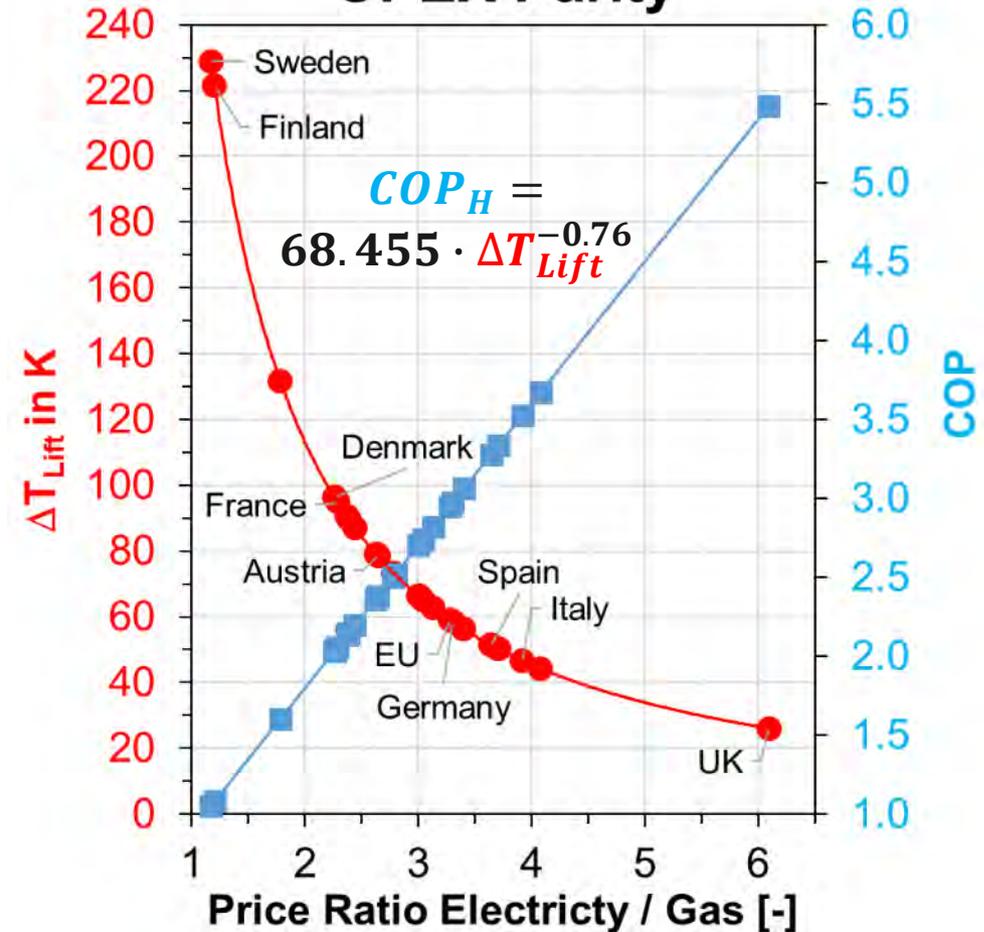
$$COP = \frac{Price_{Electricity}}{Price_{Gas}} \cdot \eta_{Gas\ Boiler}$$

Country	Prices without refundable			OPEX Parity	
	Gas	Electricity	Price Ratio	COP	ΔT_{Lift}
Sweden	4.1	4.8	1.17	1.1	229
Finland	4.5	5.4	1.20	1.1	222
Luxembourg	2.3	4.1	1.78	1.6	132
Lithuania	3.0	6.8	2.27	2.0	96
Denmark	3.1	7.0	2.26	2.0	96
France	2.8	6.4	2.29	2.1	95
Netherlands	2.6	6.2	2.38	2.1	90
Slovenia	2.5	6.1	2.44	2.2	87
Estonia	3.0	7.1	2.37	2.1	91
Czech Republic	2.4	6.3	2.63	2.4	79
Austria	2.8	7.4	2.64	2.4	78
Latvia	2.7	7.5	2.78	2.5	73
Hungary	2.5	7.0	2.80	2.5	73
Greece	2.5	7.5	3.00	2.7	66
Poland	2.4	7.2	3.00	2.7	66
Romania	2.3	7.0	3.04	2.7	65
Croatia	2.3	7.2	3.13	2.8	63
Belgium	2.0	6.8	3.40	3.1	56
Germany	2.6	8.6	3.31	3.0	58
Bulgaria	2.0	6.8	3.40	3.1	56
Spain	2.5	9.1	3.64	3.3	51
Portugal	2.4	8.9	3.71	3.3	50
Ireland	2.7	10.0	3.70	3.3	50
Italy	2.4	9.4	3.92	3.5	47
Slovakia	2.5	10.2	4.08	3.7	44
UK	2.1	12.8	6.10	5.5	26
EU	2.5	8.2	3.28	3.0	59



Heat Pump vs. Gas Boiler (90% efficiency) OPEX Parity

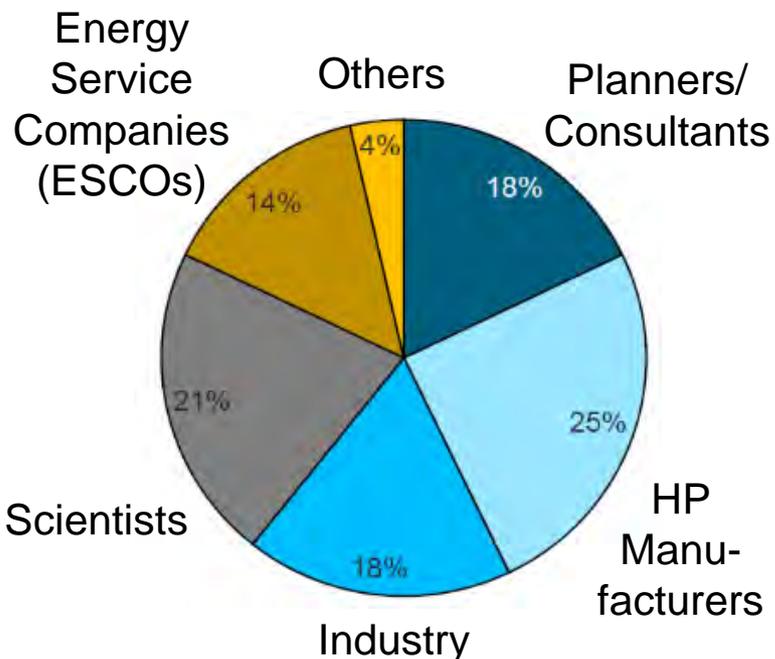
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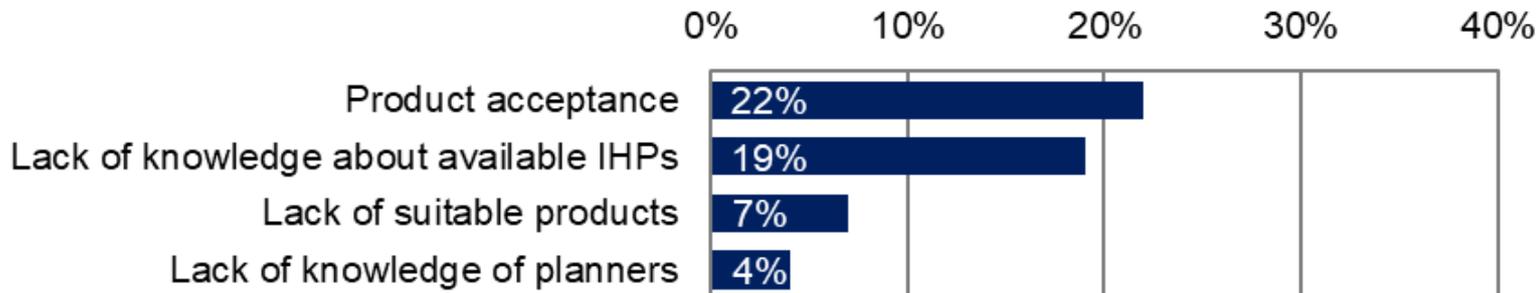
Market Analysis – Potential of Steam-Generating Heat Pumps

Challenging economics identified as key market barrier

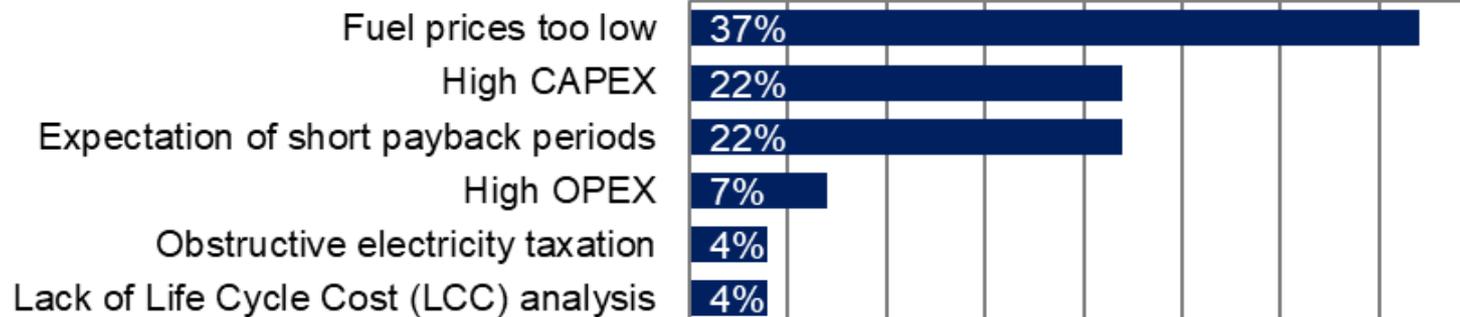
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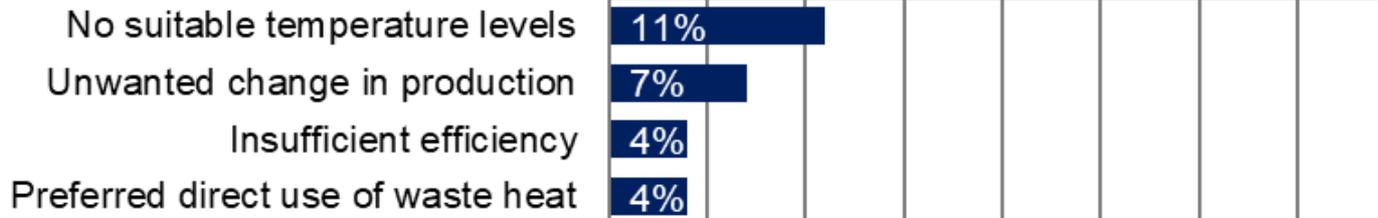
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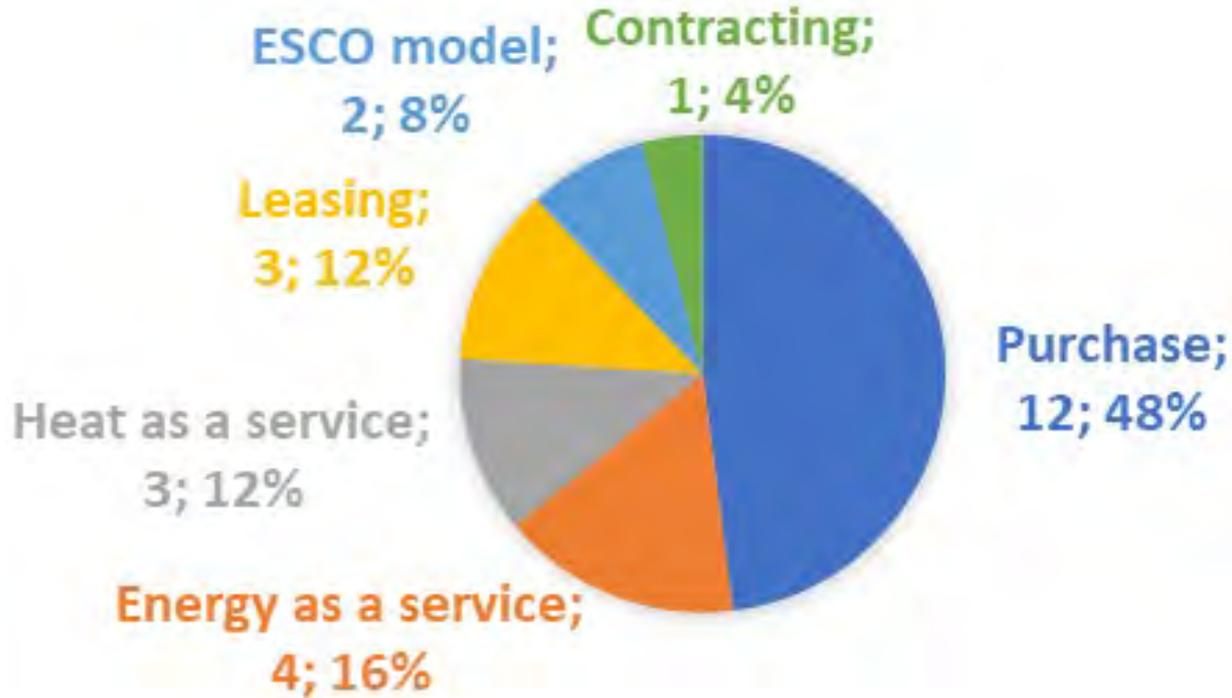


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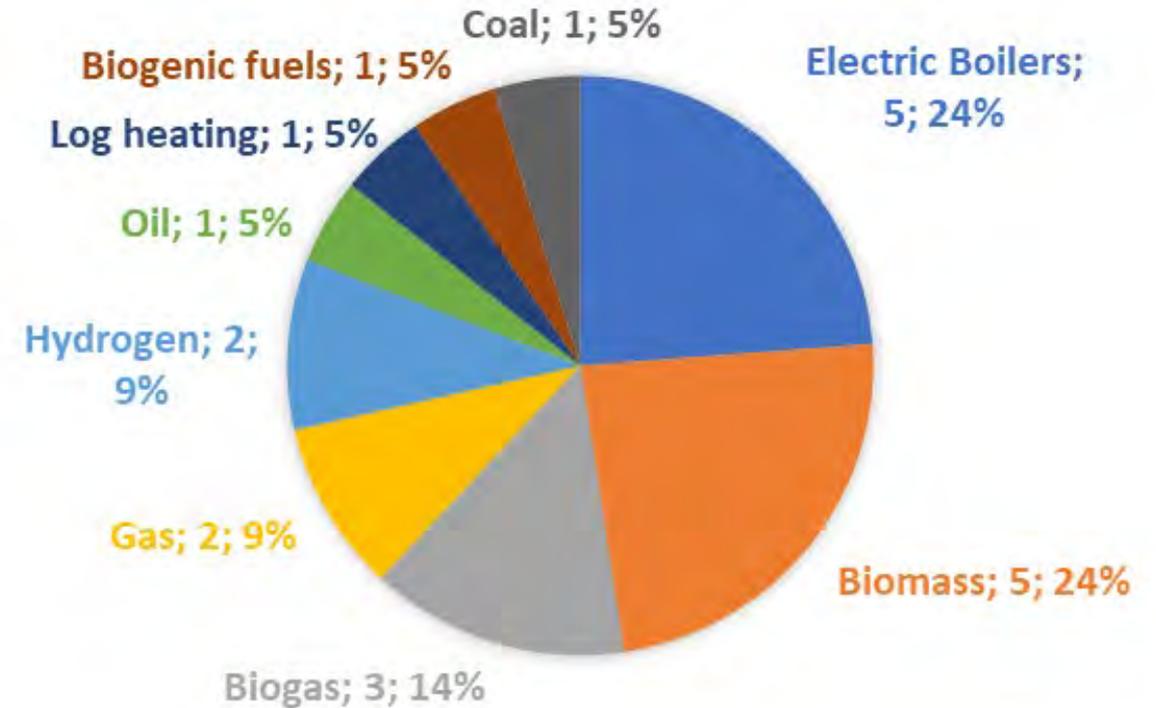
Market Analysis – Industrial heat pumps

Interview results with 16 HTHP manufacturers (in Q4/2023)

Promising Business Models



Possible Substituting Technologies



- **Direct2Customer (purchase)** appears to be the most widespread business model (i.e., direct sales, installation commissioning, maintenance, ownership)
- **New market opportunities** are especially **Heat-as-a-Service (HaaS)** (highly customer-integrated)
- **Alternative heating solutions** (i.e., electric boilers, biomass, biogas,

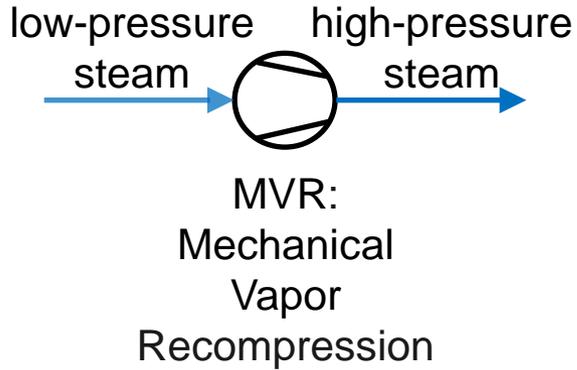
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Heat pump concepts for steam generating heat pumps

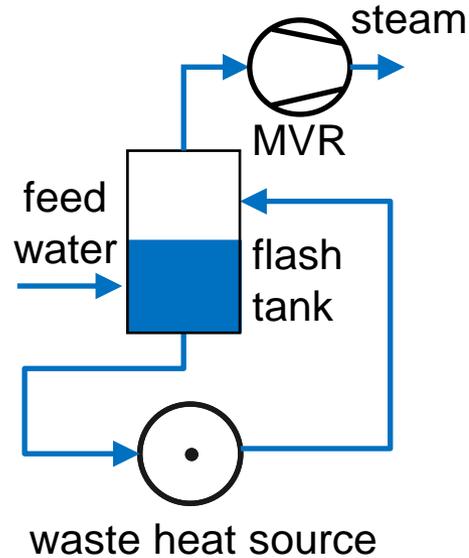
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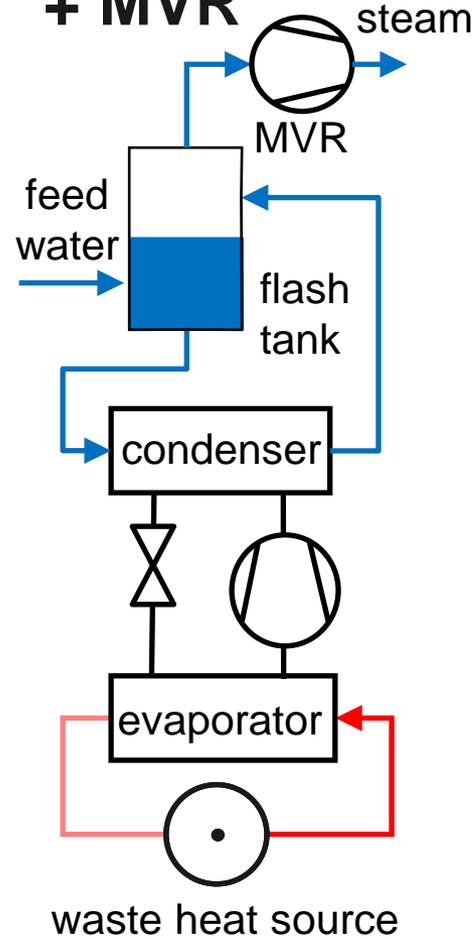
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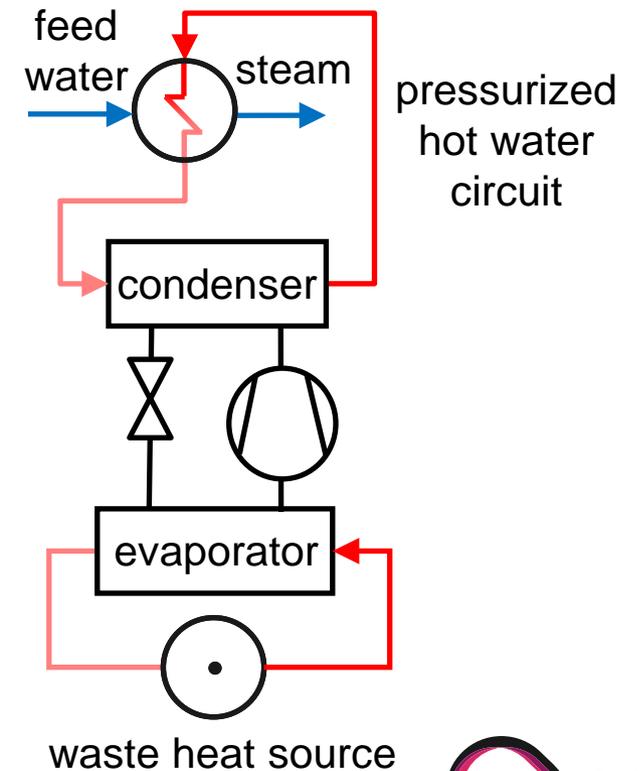
Flash tank + MVR



Closed cycle + flash tank + MVR



Closed cycle + pressurized hot water + steam generator



Source: [Arpagaus \(2024\): IEA HPT Annex 58 HTHP Final Webinar, 23 April 2024](#)

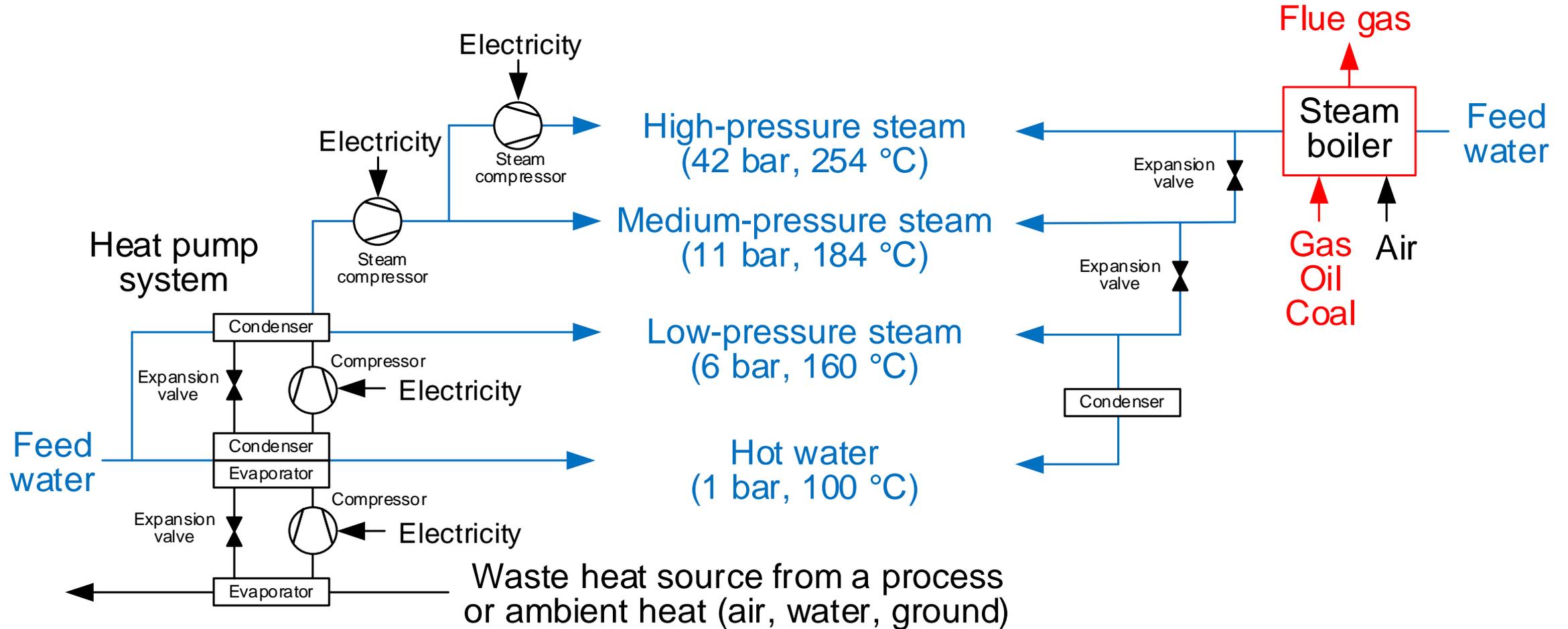


Heat pump concepts

Steam supply with a heat pump system

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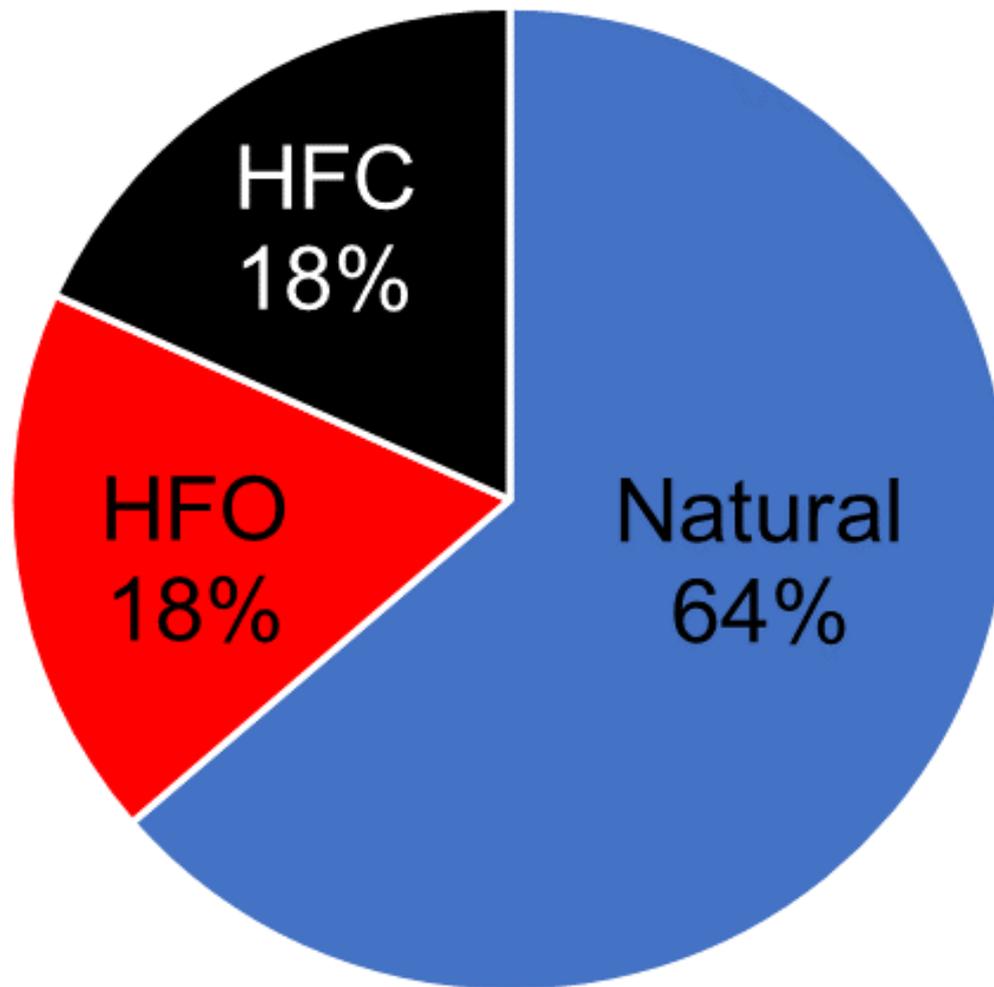
- Heat pump steam generators are efficient technology for industrial waste heat recovery



Source: Adapted from [IEA HPT Annex 58 High-Temperature Heat Pumps, Task 2 Report Integration Concepts, April 2024](#)

Refrigerants

Refrigerants in HTHPs



R718 (Water)	12
R744 (CO2)	4
R717 (Ammonia)	4
R601 (n-Pentane)	1
R600 (n-Butane)	3
R290 (Propane)	1
R704 (Helium)	2
ecop (Nobel gas)	1
R1336mzz(Z)	2
R1233zd(E)	3
R1234ze(E)	1
HFOs	2
R245fa	5
R410a	1
R134a	2
Natural	28
HFO	8
HFC	8



Based on data from IEA HPT Annex 58
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Refrigerants

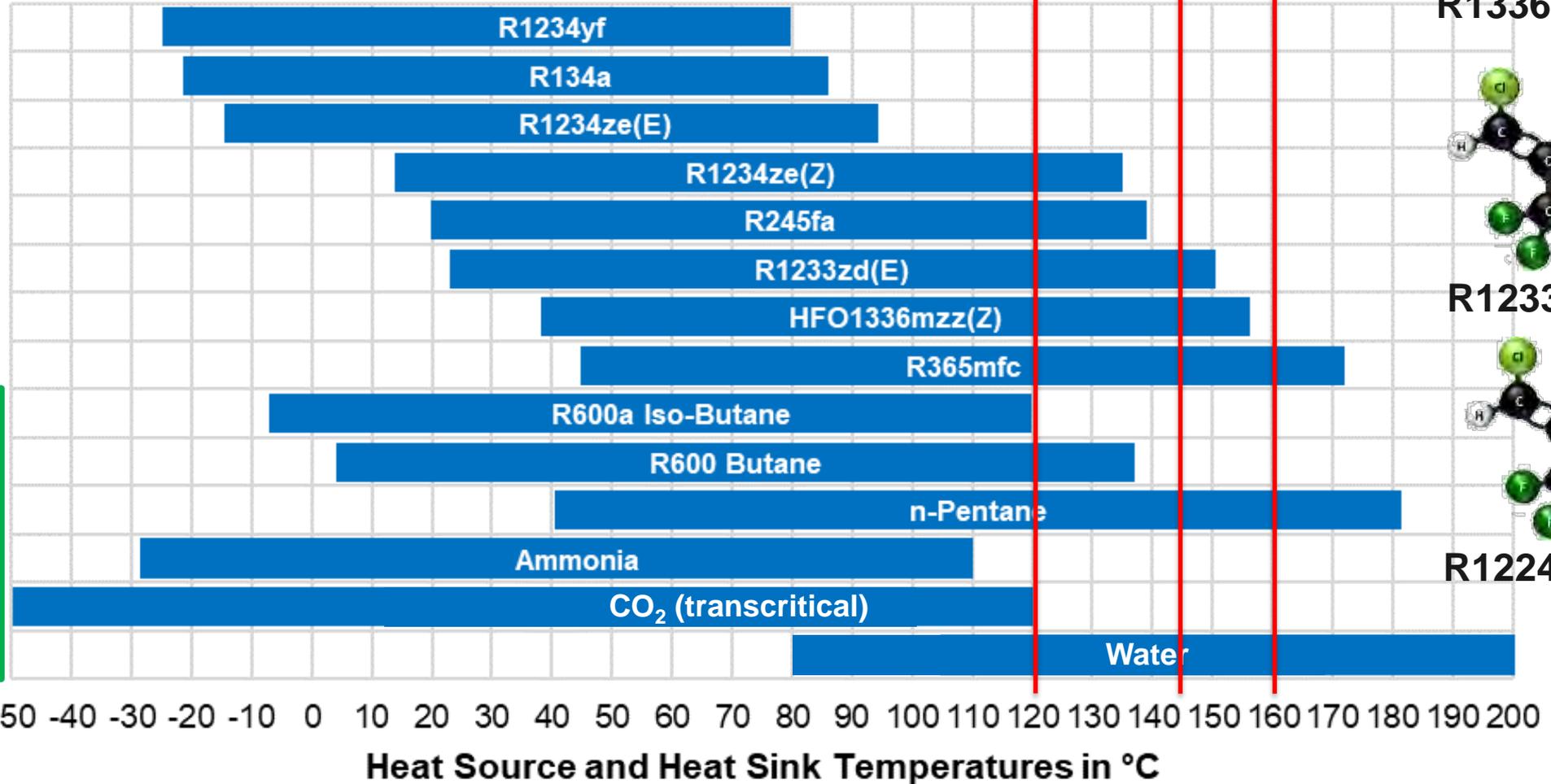
Suitable refrigerants for HTHPs

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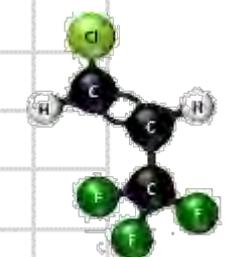


2 bar(a) 4 bar(a) 6 bar(a)

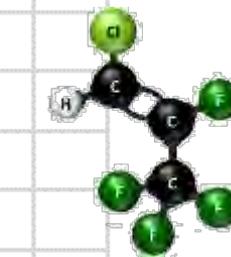
- HFO R1234yf
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 - HFC R245fa
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 - HFO R1336mzz(Z)
 - HFC R365mfc
 - R600a**
 - R600**
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 - R744**
 - R718**
- Natural Refrigerants**
- + Helium (R704)**



R1336mzz(Z)



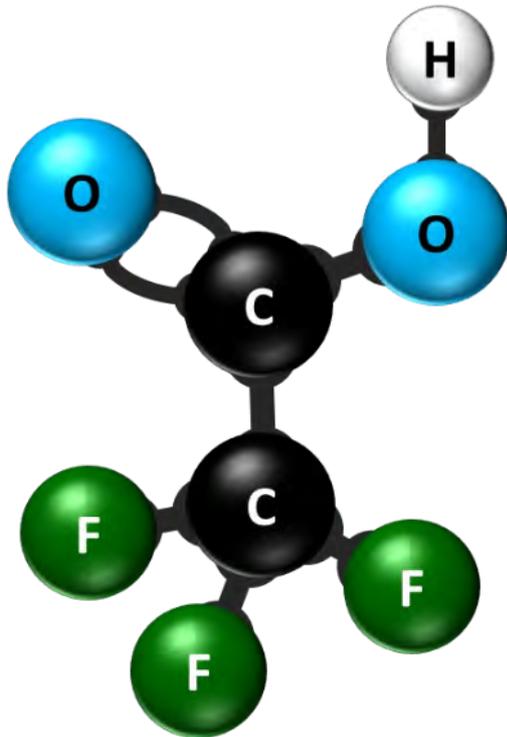
R1233zd(E)



R1224yd(Z)

Formation of trifluoroacetic acid (TFA, CF_3COOH)

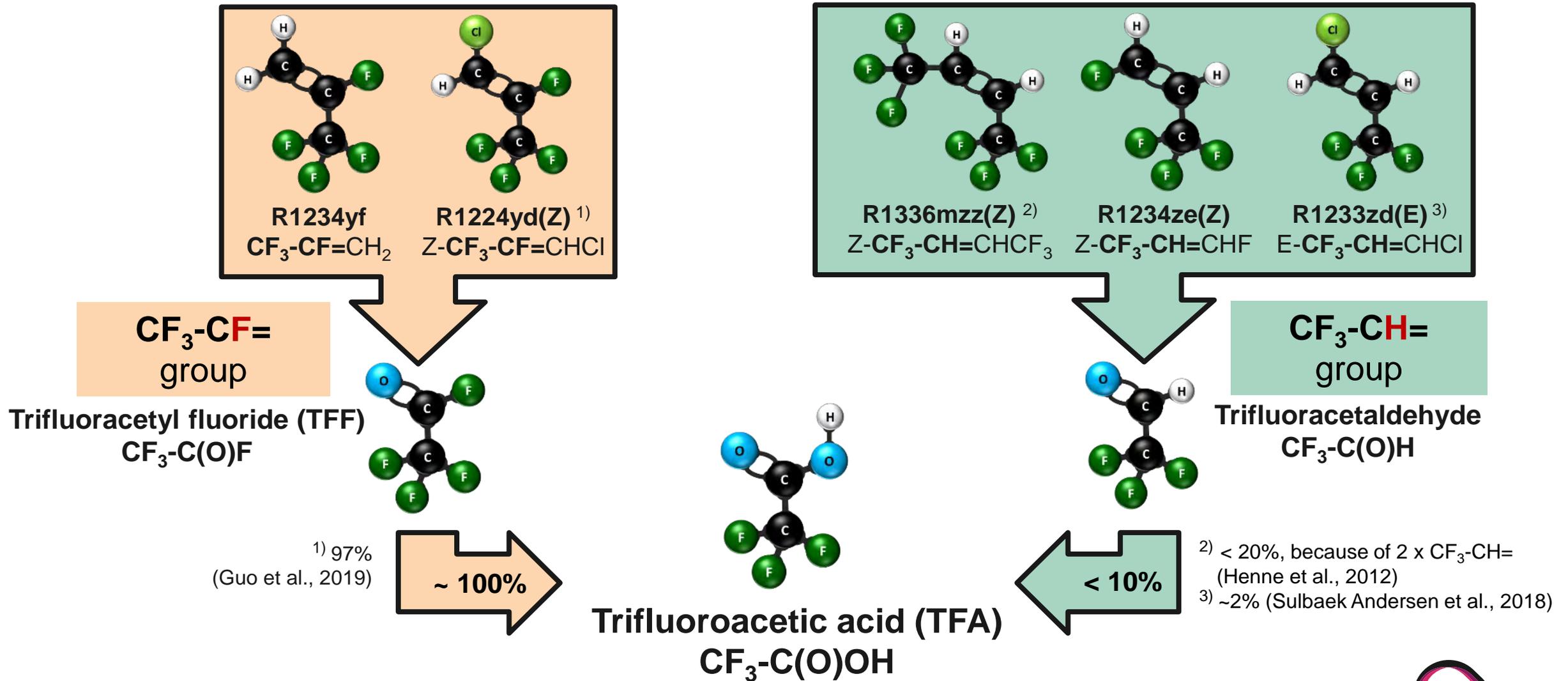
Trifluoroacetic acid (TFA)



- TFA is an end product of atmospheric degradation of halogenated refrigerants
- Persistent in the environment and also mobile in the aquatic environment
- TFA can basically be formed from various substances, the presence of a **$\text{CF}_3\text{-CF=}$** group is considered a prerequisite for TFA formation

Environmental aspects (F-gases, PFAS, TFA)

Molar yield of TFA during atmospheric degradation of HFOs



How does a test laboratory for HTHPs looks like?

Laboratory for testing the ThermBooster™



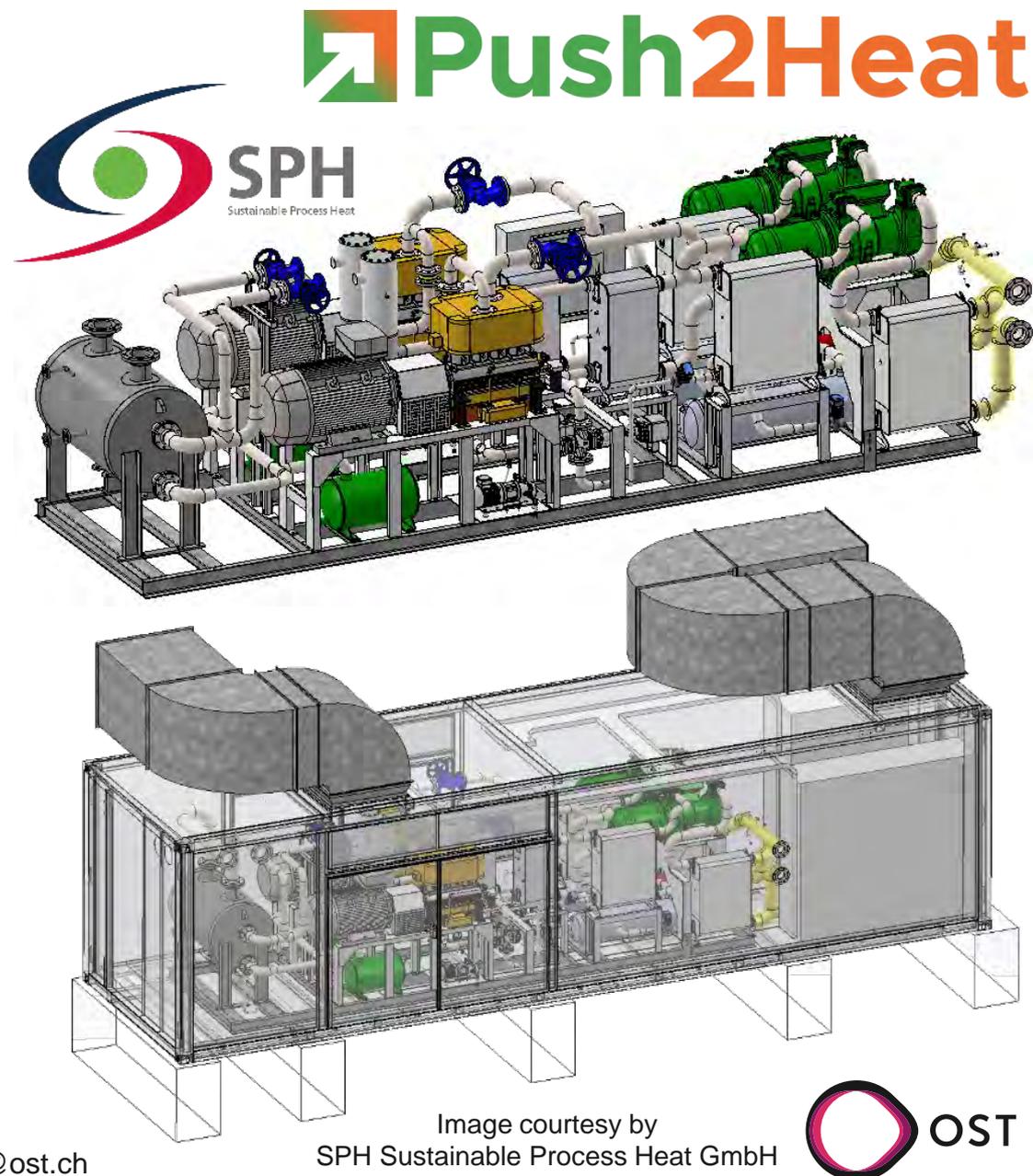
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Steam Generating Heat Pump

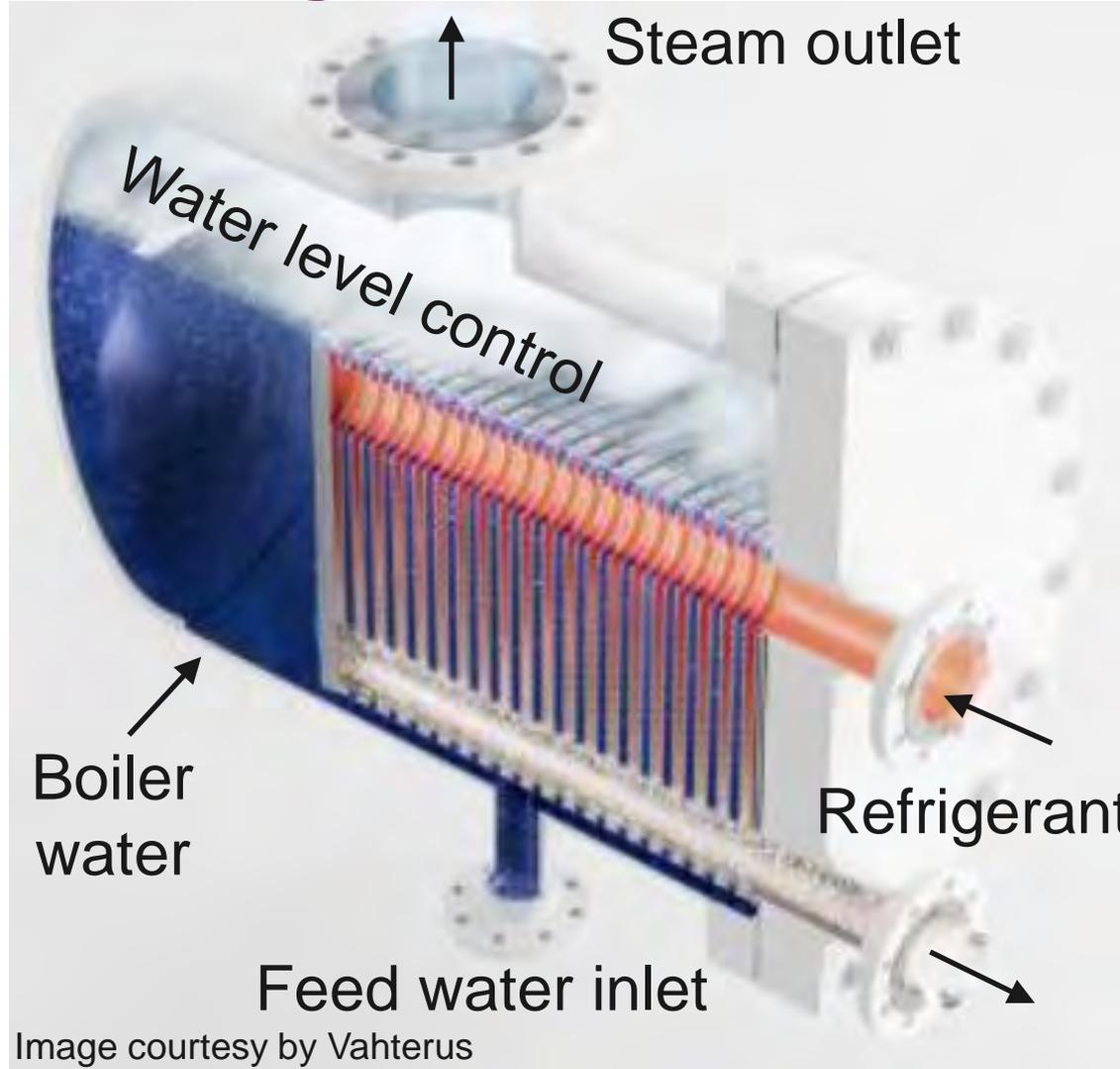
Industry sector	Demo 1: Paper industry
Plant owner	Felix Schoeller Group
Location	Weissenborn, Germany
Heat pump supplier	SPH
Heat pump technology	2-stage cascade with 2 piston and 2 screw compressors
Refrigerants (1st stage, 2nd stage)	2 x 180 kg R515B, 350 kg R1233zd(E)
Size (L x W x H)	11 x 3 x 3 m (in container)
Heat source inlet / outlet (waste heat)	46 °C / 41 °C (exhaust humid air from paper machine dryer using a water-glycol circuit)
Heat sink inlet / outlet	90 °C / 123.5 °C low-pressure steam at 2.2 bar(a)
Heating capacity	1'180 kW
Steam mass flow rate	1'800 kg/h
Cooling capacity	690 kW
Electrical power	517 kW
COP (Carnot efficiency)	2.3 (43%)



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Steam generator and condenser from



- **Plate & Shell Heat Exchanger (PSHE)** with additional water volume for more stable steam production
- **Direct production of saturated steam** in the condenser of the heat pump
- **Highest efficiency** (lowest pinch point between refrigerant condensation and steam evaporation)
- **Shell as steam boiler** (fully welded)
- **Robust circular plates as condensers for the refrigerant** (e.g., R1233zd(E))
- Compact and light design
- Easy maintenance (no gaskets)

Image courtesy by Vahterus

Commercial High-Temperature Heat Pumps for Supply Temperatures > 100 °C



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The first zero-emission distillery in Ireland

Source: [LinkedIn post](#)

Some major equipment arrivals over the past few days.

The last of our heat pump equipment is in place. This technology is a first for the industry. Furthermore, these heat pumps are the first in Ireland to reach up to 120 degrees.

- Combined process cooling and process heating
- Design supply temperature: 115 °C
- Heating capacity: 1 MW
- Splitting heating demand into several temperature levels increases the system's efficiency



2 x P450 series heat pumps (can generate 120 °C)
1 x P150 series heat pump

Commercial High-Temperature Heat Pumps for Supply Temperatures > 100 °C

HTHPs for Pet Food Dryers

geelen
counterflow



First electric counterflow dryer from Geelen Counterflow with 15 drying decks for drying aqua feed at the Cargill-Ewos plant in Bergneset, Norway

Source: [YouTube Video](#)

Images by courtesy of Geelen Counterflow

Combitherm
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4 x HTHPs from Combitherm (3.5 MW heating capacity, R1233zd(E), screw compressor from Bitzer) use the dryer exhaust air as a heat source and generate 120 °C via an intermediate circuit to heat the drying air

Source: [YouTube Webinar](#)

New Developments and Products

HTHP for direct steam generation

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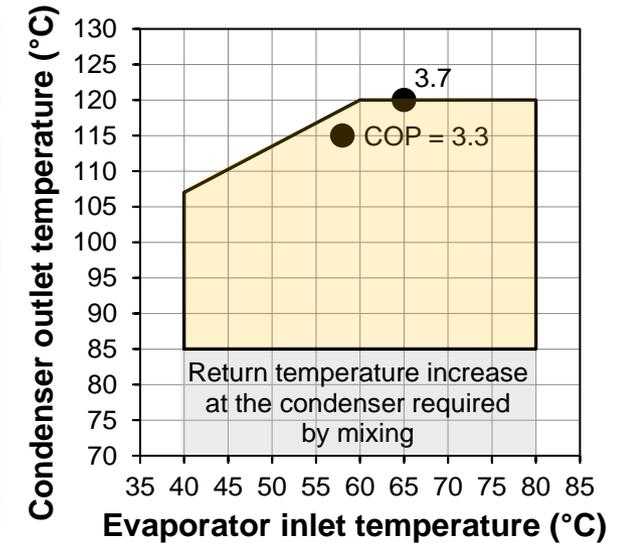


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Type: IWWDS 530/530 ER4c4 TWIN 1 2 P

Operating map and performance



- 1-stage cycle with economizer
- 2 semi-hermetic screw compressors in parallel
- Shell and tube evaporator

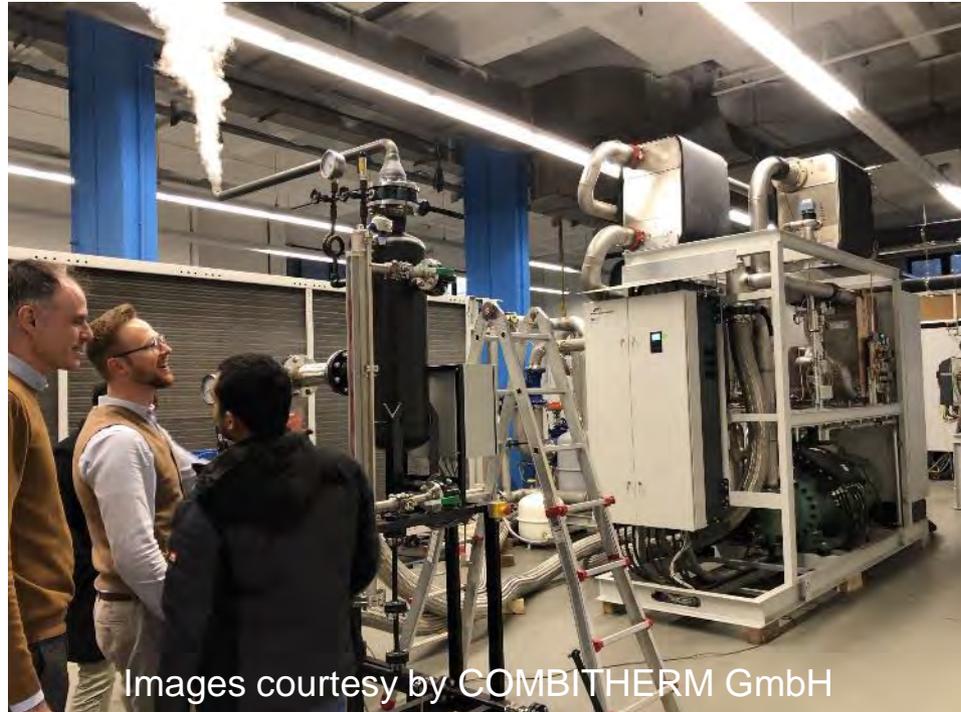
- Heating capacity max. 1'640 kW
- Refrigerant R1233zd
- Weight 15 tons
- Footprint 5.2 m²

- **Application: Steam for paper drying**
- Currently laboratory demonstration (TRL 4)

Source: [IEA HPT Annex 58 HTHP Factsheet OCHSNER Energie Technik \(May 2024\)](#)

New Developments and Products – Can steam be produced – Yes, here is the proof!

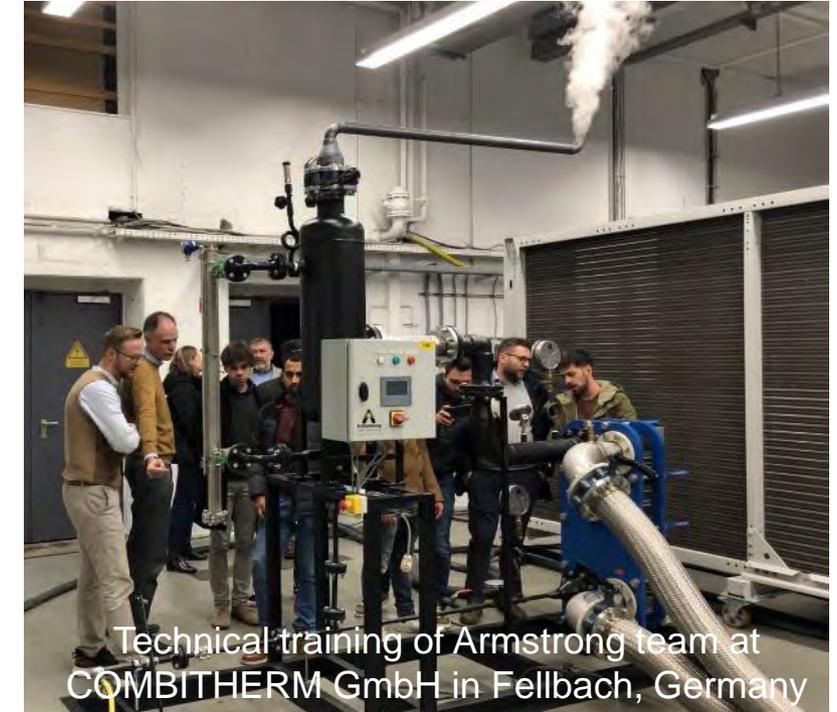
HThP with Steam Evaporator



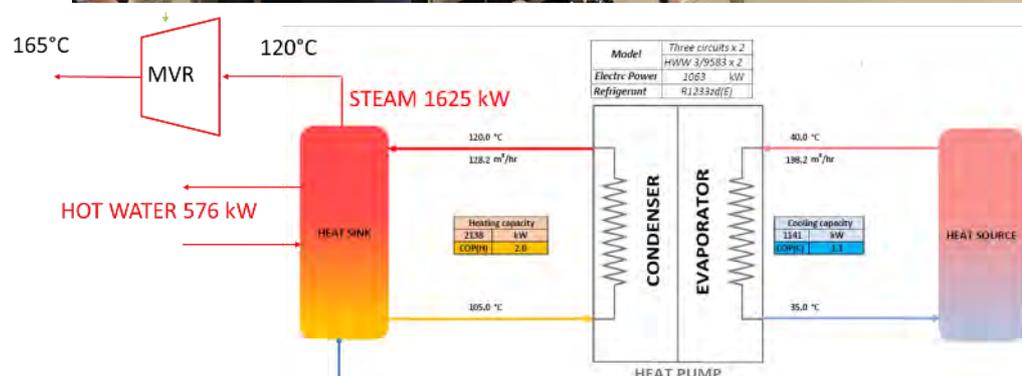
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HThP with flash tank



Technical training of Armstrong team at COMBITHERM GmbH in Fellbach, Germany



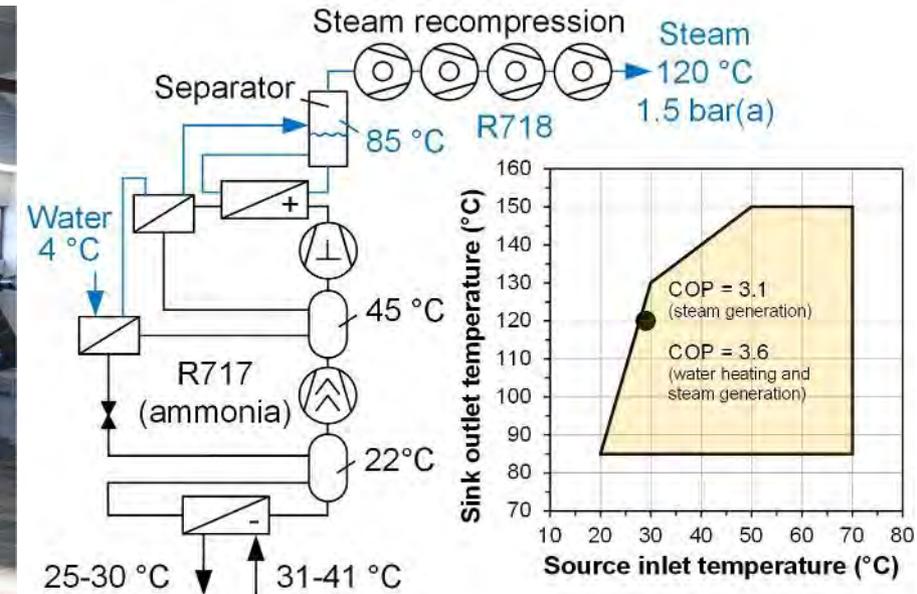
- HThP demo unit with R1233zd(E) refrigerant producing pressurized hot water up to 120 °C and flash steam
- The largest HThP unit (HWW 3/9583 x 2) with 3 screw compressors can generate more than 1 t/h of steam
- If higher temperatures are required, a steam compressor can be applied to reach 200 °C

Source: [LinkedIn Post \(2024\)](#) by Rossen Ivanov, [Armstrong](#) and [EHPA Webinar \(2024\)](#)



Steam producing heat pump

ANEO



- Closed-loop R717 (ammonia) bottom cycle with 1 screw and 1 piston compressor and open-loop R718 (water) top cycle with 4 centrifugal fans
- Application: Heat recycling for petfood pellets process, waste heat recovery of moist air
- Heating capacity 1.6 MW, 2 t/h steam, 120 °C, 1.5 bar(a)
- TRL 8, footprint around 80 m² with auxiliaries, weight 30 tons

Source: [Schlemminger and Bantle \(2024\): OST Webinar Presentation \(18.3.2024\)](#) and [IEA HPT Annex 58 HTHP Factsheet ANEO Industry AS \(8/2023\)](#)

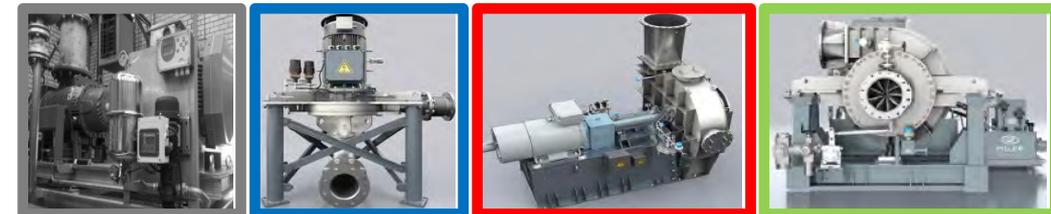
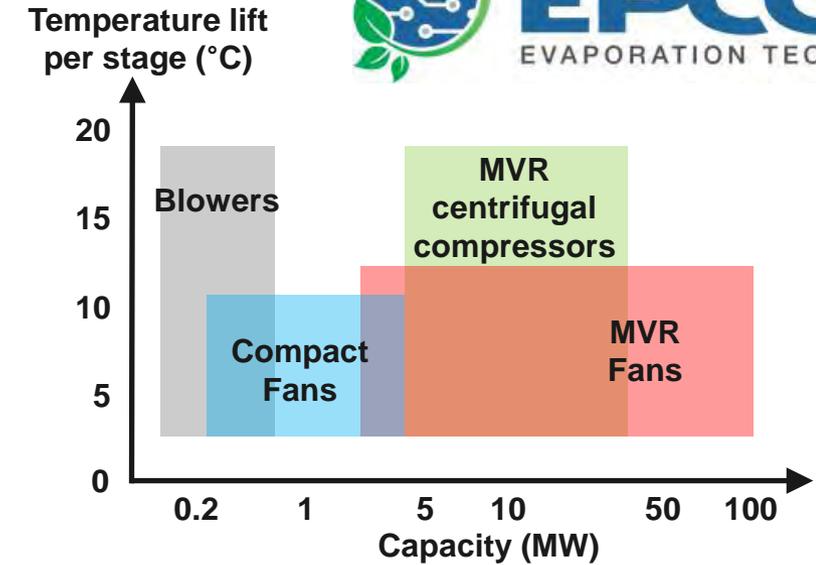
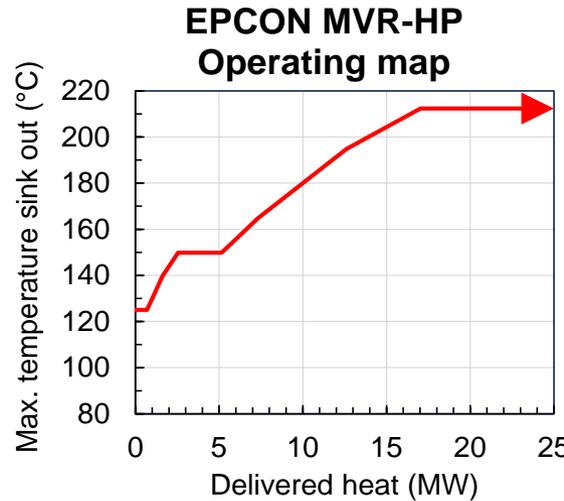
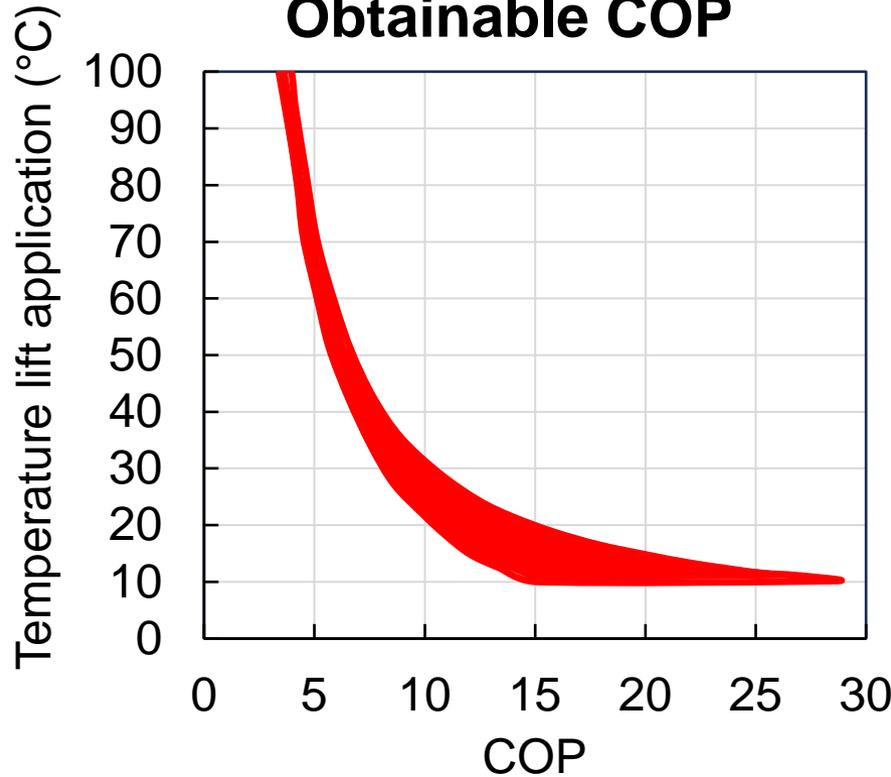
Products for Mechanical Vapor Recompression (MVR)

EPCON MVR-HP solutions

Wide temperature range with an optimized COP



EPCON MVR-HP Obtainable COP



	Blowers	Compact Fans	MVR Fans	MVR centrifugal compressors
Capacity (kg/h)	150 to 5'000	200 to 5'000	3'000 to 250'000	5'000 to 55'000
Max. temp lift per stage (°C)	15 to 20	8 to 12	8 to 12	15 to 20
Footprint per stage (m2)	~1.5	~1.5	>2	>4
Max. supply temperature (°C)	130	150	150	200
Internal efficiency (%)	50	75 to 85	75 to 85	75 to 85

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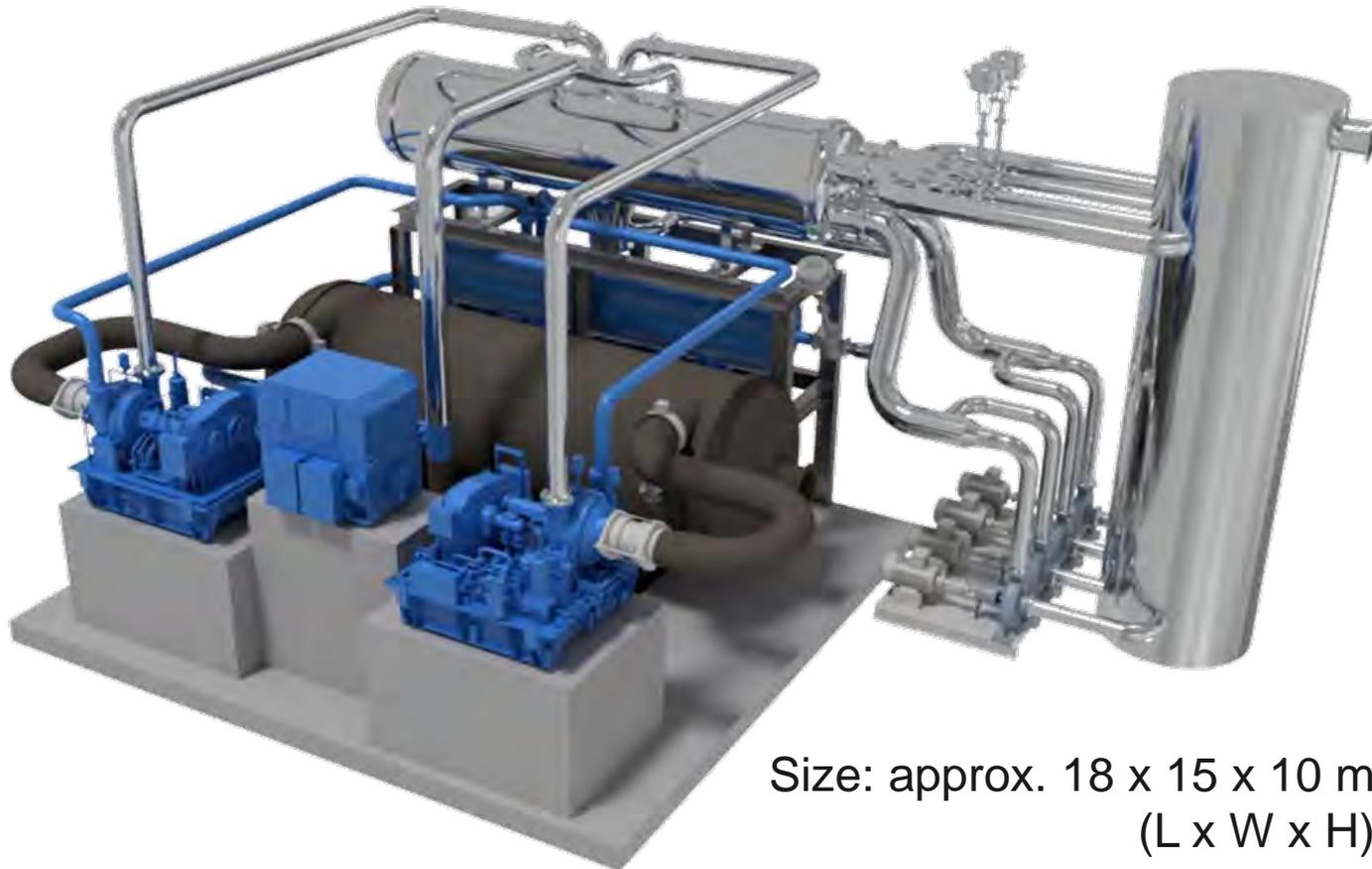
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New Developments in Large-Scale

Large-Scale Steam Generation for the Industry

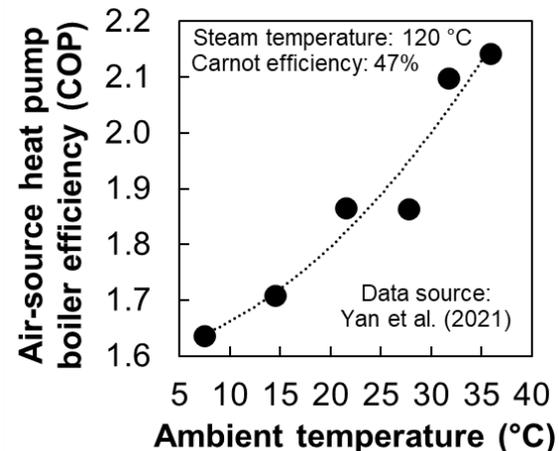
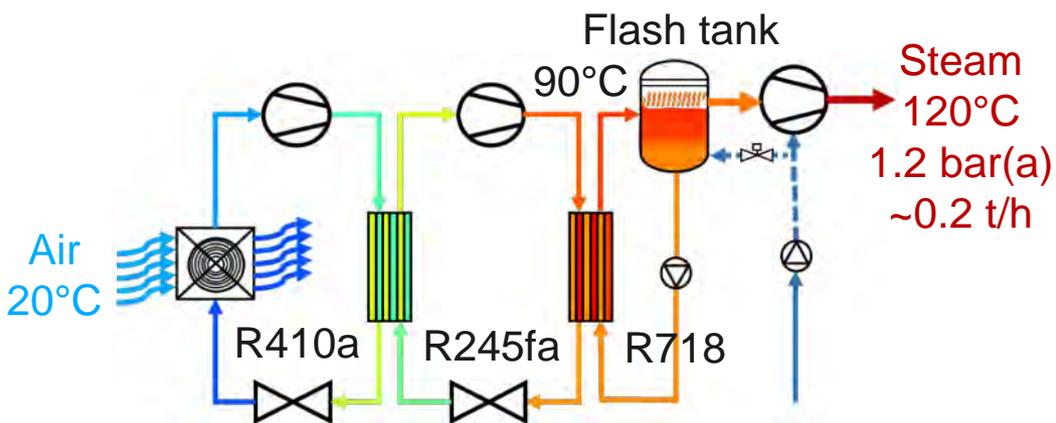
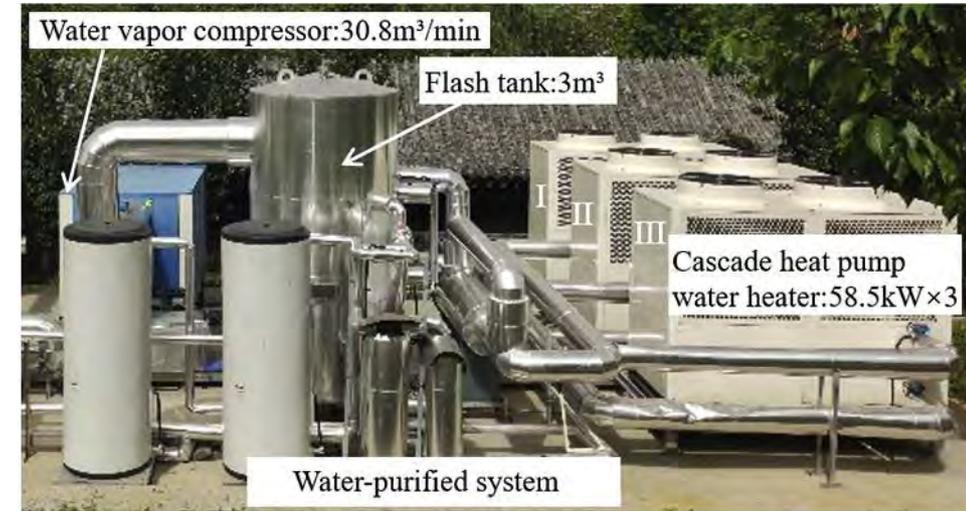


Size: approx. 18 x 15 x 10 m
(L x W x H)

Image courtesy by Friothers AG

Parameter	Unit
Steam massflow	33 t/h
Steam temperature	130/137 °C
Steam pressure	3.3 bar(a)
Source temperature (in/out)	55/40 °C
Heat pump capacity	25 MW_{th}
COP	around 2.5
Refrigerant	R1233zd(E)

Air-source heat pump boiler in a brewing process in China

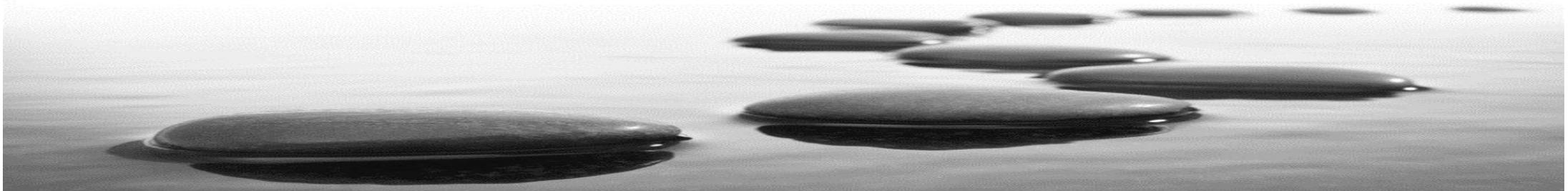


Installation	2019
Operating time	> 10'000 h
Refrigerants	R410a / R245fa / R718
Compressor	Twin-screw
Heat source	Air: 7 to 36 °C
Heat sink	Compressed steam: 120 °C
Heating capacity	180 kW (3 x 60 kW/unit)
COP	1.85 at 20 °C
Investment	RMB 1'116'000 (EUR 142'000)
Savings	Electricity 777'600 kWh/a RMB 467'000/a (EUR 59'000/a)
Payback	Around 2.4 years

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Three key recommendations for broader market adoption of high-temperature heat pumps

- (1) Better knowledge transfer (information sharing)** about capabilities, design, control, integration and suitable applications
- (2) A higher level of standardization** to reduce costs and planning efforts, resulting in more practical implementation examples (learn from experience, reduce implementation risks, and multiply application potential)
- (3) Create guidelines and train qualified personnel** able to implement industrial heat pumps optimally



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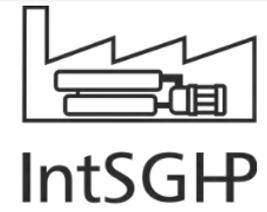
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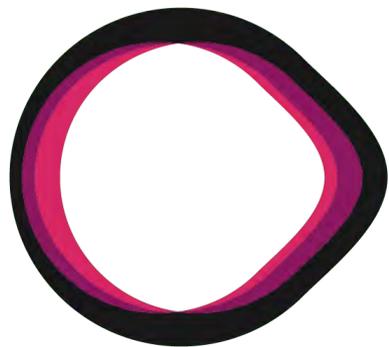
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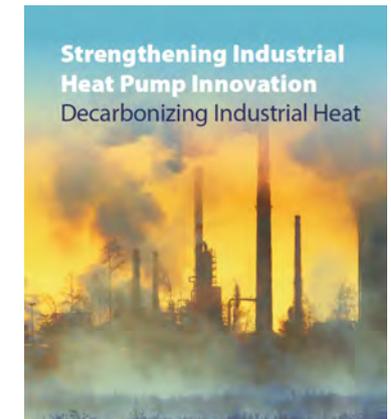
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